

FORM 4

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>SCHMERTZ IDA F S</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>C/O PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC.</u><br><u>751 BROAD STREET, 4TH FLOOR</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>NEWARK</u> <u>NJ</u> <u>071023777</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL INC [ (PRU) ]</u><br><br>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>12/20/2004</u><br><br>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br><br>Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><br>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |       | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V | Amount                                                            | (A) or (D) | Price |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V | (A)                                                                                    | (D) | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date | Title                                                                             | Amount or Number of Shares |                                            |                                                                                                    |                                                           |                                                        |
| Notional Shares                            | (I)                                                    | 12/20/2004                           |                                                    | A                              |   | 123                                                                                    |     | (2)                                                      | (2)             | Common Stock                                                                      | 123                        | \$53.66                                    | 10,697                                                                                             | D                                                         |                                                        |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Notional Shares convert to common stock on a 1 to 1 basis.  
2. Notional shares are payable in common stock on a date following termination of service on the Board of Directors.

Remarks:

By: /s/ Kathleen M. Gibson,  
Attorney-in-fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person  
Date

12/21/2004

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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