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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Baird Edward P</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC.</u> <u>751 BROAD STREET, 4TH FLOOR</u> (Street) <u>NEWARK NJ 07102</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/18/2008</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL INC [(PRU)]</u> 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ☒ Director ☒ Officer (give title below) <u>Executive Vice President</u> ☐ 10% Owner ☐ Other (specify below) 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person ☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	11,260	D	
Common Stock	883	I	By 401(k)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	02/10/2014	Common Stock	18,344	45	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	02/08/2015	Common Stock	17,748	55.75	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	02/14/2016	Common Stock	13,928	76.15	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	02/13/2017	Common Stock	12,895	91.73	D	
Performance Shares	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	5,917	(6)	D	
Performance Shares	(7)	(7)	Common Stock	4,642	(6)	D	
Performance Shares	(8)	(8)	Common Stock	4,195	(6)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 10, 2005.
- The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 8, 2006.
- The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 14, 2007.
- The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 13, 2008.
- Represents the target number of shares to be received upon attainment of an average Return On Equity (ROE) of 12% and Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) in Earnings Per Share (EPS) of 10% over the 2005 through 2007 performance period. Both the ROE and EPS targets are based on after-tax adjusted operating income for the financial services businesses, normalized for significant one-time benefits or charges that do not accurately reflect the operating performance of the Company's businesses in the judgment of the Compensation Committee. Attainment of 13% average ROE and EPS growth of 12% would result in an award of 150% of target while average ROE of 10% or less and EPS growth of 8% or less would result in an award of 50% of target. The actual number of shares to be received will be determined by the Compensation Committee in February 2008.
- The Performance Shares convert to common stock on a 1 to 1 basis.
- Represents the target number of shares to be received upon attainment of an average Return On Equity (ROE) of 12.5% and Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) in Earnings Per Share (EPS) of 12% over the 2006 through 2008 performance period. Both the ROE and EPS targets are based on after-tax adjusted operating income for the financial services businesses, normalized for significant one-time benefits or charges that do not accurately reflect the operating performance of the Company's businesses in the judgment of the Compensation Committee. Attainment of 13.5% average ROE and EPS growth of 14% would result in an award of 150% of target while average ROE of 11% or less and EPS growth of 10% or less would result in an award of 50% of target. The actual number of shares to be received will be determined by the Compensation Committee in February 2009.
- Represents the target number of shares to be received upon attainment of an average Return On Equity (ROE) of 15% and Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) in Earnings Per Share (EPS) of 13% over the 2007 through 2009 performance period. Both the ROE and EPS targets are based on after-tax adjusted operating income for the financial services businesses, normalized for significant one-time benefits or charges that do not accurately reflect the operating performance of the Company's businesses in the judgment of the Compensation Committee. Attainment of 16% average ROE and EPS growth of 14% would result in an award of 150% of target. No award would be earned if average ROE is 10% or less and EPS growth is 6% or less. The actual number of shares to be received will be determined by the Compensation Committee in February 2010.

Remarks:

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

01/23/2008

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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 5 (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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Kathleen M. Gibson, Susan L. Blount, Stephen W. Gauster and Brian J. Morris, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Prudential Financial, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 (and any other Form that may be required by the Securities and Exchange Commission) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Form 144 in accordance with Rule 144 of the Securities Act of 1933 and the rules thereunder;

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Section 16(a) Form or Form 144, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation and resubstitution, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 144 of the Securities Act of 1933.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to make filings pursuant to Section 16(a) and Rule 144 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

This Power of Attorney shall be governed by and construed in accordance with New Jersey law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 22nd day of January, 2008.

/s/Edward P. Baird
Signature