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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 12, 2006**

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**PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**New Jersey**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-16707**  
(Commission File Number)

**22-3703799**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**751 Broad Street**  
**Newark, New Jersey 07102**  
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

**(973) 802-6000**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

The response to Item 8.01 is hereby incorporated into this Item 2.03.

**Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.**

The response to Item 8.01 is hereby incorporated into this Item 3.02. The Convertible Notes referred to in the response to Item 8.01 are convertible into Common Stock, as described in such response.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On December 12, 2006, Prudential Financial, Inc., a New Jersey corporation (the “Company”), issued a news release announcing the closing of its previously announced private placement of \$2.0 billion aggregate principal amount of convertible senior notes due December 12, 2036 (the “Convertible Notes”) pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”). The issuance and sale of the Convertible Notes were consummated on customary terms and conditions pursuant to a Purchase Agreement entered into by the Company and the initial purchaser named therein on December 7, 2006.

The Company will pay interest on the Convertible Notes at an annual rate equal to 3-month LIBOR, reset quarterly, minus 2.40% until maturity on December 12, 2036, subject to earlier repurchase, redemption or conversion. The initial conversion price per share is approximately \$104.21, which is a premium of 20.00% over the closing price of the Company’s Common Stock (the “Common Stock”) of \$86.84 per share on December 7, 2006, the date on which the Convertible Notes were priced. This represents a conversion rate of 9.5962 shares of Common Stock per \$1,000 principal amount of Convertible Notes. The Company will settle each \$1,000 principal amount of Convertible Notes surrendered for conversion by delivering cash and shares of Common Stock, if any, equal to the sum of the daily settlement amounts for each of the ten trading days during the related observation period. The daily settlement amount for each of the ten trading days of the observation period will consist of: (1) an amount in cash equal to the lesser of \$100 and the daily conversion value relating to such day, and (2) to the extent such daily conversion value exceeds \$100, a number of shares of Common Stock equal to (A) the difference between such daily conversion value and \$100 divided by (B) the Common Stock price for such day. The Company may redeem all or some of the Convertible Notes for cash at any time on or after December 13, 2007 at 100% of their principal amount plus accrued interest, if any, to but not including the redemption date. The holders of the Convertible Notes may require the Company to repurchase the Convertible Notes for cash on the 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 10-, 15-, 20- and 25-year anniversaries of the date of issuance at the par amount plus accrued interest, if any.

The purposes of the offering of the convertible notes are: (i) to purchase an investment grade fixed income investment portfolio and (ii) general corporate purposes. In connection with the offering, the Company purchased under its existing share repurchase authorization approximately \$205 million of its Common Stock. Substantially all of those repurchases were from purchasers of the Convertible Notes.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.****(c) Exhibits.**

- 99.0 News release of the Company, dated December 12, 2006, announcing the closing of its previously announced private placement of \$2.0 billion aggregate principal amount of Convertible Notes pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 12, 2006

PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC.

By: /s/ Stephen W. Gauster

Name: Stephen W. Gauster

Title: Assistant Secretary

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**Exhibit Index**

| <b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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**For Immediate Release**

December 12, 2006

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**PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC.  
CLOSES OFFERING OF \$2.0 BILLION OF CONVERTIBLE SENIOR NOTES**

**NEWARK, N.J.** – Prudential Financial, Inc. (NYSE:PRU) today announced that it closed its previously announced private placement pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, of \$2.0 billion aggregate principal amount of Floating Rate Convertible Senior Notes due December 12, 2036.

The purposes of the offering are: (i) to purchase an investment grade fixed income investment portfolio and (ii) general corporate purposes. In connection with the offering, Prudential Financial purchased under its existing share repurchase authorization approximately \$205 million of its Common Stock. Substantially all of those repurchases were from purchasers of the convertible notes.

The offering was made only to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A of the Securities Act.

This announcement is neither an offer to sell nor the solicitation of an offer to buy the convertible notes or the shares issuable upon conversion of the convertible notes and shall not constitute an offer or solicitation in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful.

Neither the convertible notes nor the shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the convertible notes have been registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Certain of the statements included in this release constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U. S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as “expects,” “believes,” “anticipates,” “includes,” “plans,” “assumes,” “estimates,” “projects,” “intends,” “should,” “will,” “shall” or variations of such words are generally part of forward-

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looking statements. Forward-looking statements are made based on management's current expectations and beliefs concerning future developments and their potential effects upon Prudential Financial, Inc. and its subsidiaries. There can be no assurance that future developments affecting Prudential Financial, Inc. and its subsidiaries will be those anticipated by management. These forward-looking statements are not a guarantee of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties, and there are certain important factors that could cause actual results to differ, possibly materially, from expectations or estimates reflected in such forward-looking statements, including, among others: (1) general economic, market and political conditions, including the performance and fluctuations of stock, real estate and other financial markets; (2) interest rate fluctuations; (3) reestimates of our reserves for future policy benefits and claims; (4) differences between actual experience regarding mortality, morbidity, persistency, surrender experience, interest rates or market returns and the assumptions we use in pricing our products, establishing liabilities and reserves or for other purposes; (5) changes in our assumptions related to deferred policy acquisition costs, valuation of business acquired or goodwill; (6) changes in our claims-paying or credit ratings; (7) investment losses and defaults; (8) competition in our product lines and for personnel; (9) changes in tax law; (10) economic, political, currency and other risks relating to our international operations; (11) fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates and foreign securities markets; (12) regulatory or legislative changes; (13) adverse determinations in litigation or regulatory matters and our exposure to contingent liabilities, including in connection with our divestiture or winding down of businesses; (14) domestic or international military actions, natural or man-made disasters including terrorist activities or pandemic disease, or other events resulting in catastrophic loss of life; (15) ineffectiveness of risk management policies and procedures in identifying, monitoring and managing risks; (16) effects of acquisitions, divestitures and restructurings, including possible difficulties in integrating and realizing the projected results of acquisitions; (17) changes in statutory or U.S. GAAP accounting principles, practices or policies; (18) changes in assumptions for retirement expense; (19) Prudential Financial, Inc.'s primary reliance, as a holding company, on dividends or distributions from its subsidiaries to meet debt payment obligations and continue share repurchases, and the applicable regulatory restrictions on

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the ability of the subsidiaries to pay such dividends or distributions; and (20) risks due to the lack of legal separation between our Financial Services Businesses and our Closed Block Business. Prudential Financial, Inc. does not intend, and is under no obligation, to update any particular forward-looking statement included in this document.

The information referred to above, as well as the risks of our businesses described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2006, should be considered by readers when reviewing forward-looking statements contained in this release. Additional historical information relating to our financial performance is located on our Web site at [www.investor.prudential.com](http://www.investor.prudential.com).

