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**Prudential Financial InterNotes®, Due One Year or More from Date of Issue**  
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**Pricing Supplement Number 253 Dated [ ]**  
**(to Prospectus dated March 16, 2006 and Prospectus Supplement dated March 16, 2006)**  
**Investors should read this pricing supplement in conjunction with the Prospectus and Prospectus Supplement.**

| CUSIP Number | Aggregate Principal Amount | Selling Price | Gross Concession | Net Proceeds | Coupon Type | Coupon Rate | Coupon Frequency | Maturity Date | 1 <sup>st</sup> Coupon Date | 1 <sup>st</sup> Coupon Amount | Survivor's Option | Product Ranking        | Moody's Rating | S & P Rating |
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| 74432AYN4    | [ ]                        | 100.000%      | 0.750%           | [ ]          | FIXED       | 5.000%      | SEMI-ANNUAL      | 09/17/2012    | 03/15/2009                  | \$24.58                       | YES               | Senior Unsecured Notes | A3             | A+           |

Redemption Information: Non-Callable.

Joint Lead Managers and Lead Agents: Banc of America Securities LLC, Incapital, LLC Agents: A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., Bear, Stearns & Co., Inc., Charles Schwab & Co. Inc., Citigroup, Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P., Fidelity Capital Markets Services, Merrill Lynch & Co., Morgan Stanley, Ramirez & Co., Inc., Raymond James & Associates, Inc., RBC Dain Rauscher Inc., Muriel Siebert & Co., Inc., UBS Securities LLC, Wachovia Securities, LLC

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| 74432AYP9    | [ ]                        | 100.000%      | 1.500%           | [ ]          | FIXED       | 6.300%      | SEMI-ANNUAL      | 09/17/2018    | 03/15/2009                  | \$30.98                       | YES               | Senior Unsecured Notes | A3             | A+           |

Redemption Information: Callable at 100.000% on 09/15/2010 and every interest payment date thereafter.

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The Prudential Financial, Inc. InterNotes will be subject to redemption at the option of Prudential Financial, Inc., in whole on the interest payment date occurring any time on or after 09/15/2010 at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Prudential Financial, Inc. InterNotes, plus accrued interest thereon, if any, upon at least 30 days' prior notice to the noteholder and the trustee, as described in the prospectus.

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| Prudential Financial, Inc. | <p>Offering Dates: September 08, 2008 through September 15, 2008<br/>Trade Date: Monday, September 15, 2008 @12:00 PM ET<br/>Settlement Date: Thursday, September 18, 2008<br/>Minimum Denomination/Increments: \$1,000.00/\$1,000.00<br/>Initial trades settle flat and clear SDFS: DTC Book Entry only<br/>DTC number: 0235 via RBC Dain Rauscher Inc.</p> <p>If the maturity date or an interest payment date for any note is not a Business Day (as defined in the Prospectus), principal, premium, if any, and interest for that note is paid on the next Business Day, and no interest will accrue from, and after, the maturity date or interest payment date.</p> <p>The Prudential Financial, Inc. InterNotes will be represented by a master global note in fully registered form, without coupons. The master global note will be deposited with, or on behalf of, DTC and registered in the name of a nominee of DTC, as depository, or another depository as may be named in a subsequent pricing supplement.</p> <p>The Bank of New York, as successor trustee under an indenture dated as of April 25, 2003, as supplemented and amended, will act as trustee for the Notes. Citibank, N.A. will act as paying agent, registrar and transfer agent for the Notes and will administer any survivor's options with respect thereto.</p> <p><i>InterNotes® is a registered trademark of Incapital Holdings LLC. All rights reserved</i></p> | <p>Prudential Financial, Inc.<br/>\$2,500,000,000.00 Prudential Financial Retail<br/>Medium-Term Notes, including Prudential<br/>Financial InterNotes®<br/>Prospectus dated March 16, 2006 and the<br/>Prospectus Supplement dated March 16, 2006</p> |
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