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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>CULLEN JAMES</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>751 BROAD STREET, 4TH FLOOR</u><br><u>ATTN. CORPORATE COMPLIANCE</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>NEWARK</u> <u>NJ</u> <u>07102</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>12/16/2011</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 - Mandatory                | \$0.0000 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | 12/16/2011                           |                                                    | A                              | 791                                                                                    | (2) (2)                                                  | Common Stock 791                                                                  | \$48.07                                    | 27,039                                                                                             | D                                                         |                                                        |
| Notional Shares - Optional                 | \$0.0000 <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 12/16/2011                           |                                                    | A                              | 328                                                                                    | (4) (4)                                                  | Common Stock 328                                                                  | \$48.07                                    | 11,227                                                                                             | D                                                         |                                                        |

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Each notional share - mandatory represents a deferred stock unit and entitles the holder thereof with the right to receive one share of Issuer common stock under the Issuer's deferred compensation plan for non-employee directors.

2. Such shares are issuable, at the election of the reporting person, to begin on either (i) a date prior to the reporting person's retirement date, provided that such date is no earlier than the January 1 in the year following the plan period during which such fees would otherwise have been payable to the reporting person, (ii) within 90 days following the reporting person's retirement date, or (iii) such later date as selected by the reporting person, provided however, that payment must commence in the year the reporting person attains age 70 1/2.

3. Each notional share - optional represents a deferred stock unit and entitles the holder thereof with the right to receive one share of Issuer common stock or the cash value thereof under the Issuer's deferred compensation plan for non-employee directors.

4. Such shares are payable in common stock or cash, at the election of the reporting person, with payment to begin, at the election of the reporting person provided that such date shall be at least two (2) years after the end of the plan year with respect to which such elective deferrals relate. The reporting person may transfer his investment in the notional shares - optional to an alternative investment account, subject to the terms of the Issuer's deferred compensation plan for non-employee directors.

/s/Brian J. Morris, Attorney-in-fact 12/20/2011  
\*\* 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 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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