

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>CARBONE RICHARD J</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>03/09/2012</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>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>EVP and CFO</u><br><br>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V | Amount                                                            | (A) or (D) | Price                  |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/09/2012                           |                                                    | M                              |   | 48,917                                                            | A          | \$0.0000               | 147,932                                                                                       | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/09/2012                           |                                                    | M                              |   | 48,463                                                            | A          | \$0.0000               | 196,395                                                                                       | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 03/09/2012                           |                                                    | S                              |   | 111,479                                                           | D          | \$62.08 <sup>(1)</sup> | 84,916 <sup>(2)</sup>                                                                         | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |   |                                                                   |            |                        | 1,065                                                                                         | I                                                        | By 401(k)                                             |

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 |                                            |                                                                                                    |                                                           |                                                        |
| 2/10/04 Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$45                                                   | 03/09/2012                           |                                                    | M                              |   |                                                                                        | 48,917 | <sup>(3)</sup>                                           | 02/10/2014      | Common Stock                                                                      | 48,917                     | \$0.0000                                   | 0.0000                                                                                             | D                                                         |                                                        |
| 2/10/09 Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$25.3                                                 | 03/09/2012                           |                                                    | M                              |   |                                                                                        | 48,463 | <sup>(4)</sup>                                           | 02/10/2019      | Common Stock                                                                      | 48,463                     | \$0.0000                                   | 0.0000                                                                                             | D                                                         |                                                        |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$61.79 to \$62.32, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Prudential Financial, Inc., any security holder of Prudential Financial, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote (1) to this Form 4.
2. Following the transactions reported on this Form 4, Mr. Carbone continues to hold 80,770 shares directly and 1,065 shares indirectly in a 401(k) account. Mr. Carbone also holds an additional 200,371 vested stock options, 81,554 unvested stock options, 4,146 restricted stock units and 16,790 target performance shares (the exact number awarded being dependent on achievement of performance goals).
3. The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 10, 2005.
4. The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 10, 2010.

/s/Brian J. Morris, Attorney-in-fact 03/13/2012

\*\* 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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