

PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Blount Susan L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL INC
 [(PRU)]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/14/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP & General Counsel

C/O PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC., 751 BROAD STREET, 4TH FLOOR

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date 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

NEWARK, NJ 071023777

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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| 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 76.15 | 02/14/2006 | | A | 15,918 | (1) 02/14/2016 | Common Stock 15,918 |
| Performance Shares | (2) | 02/14/2006 | | A | 5,306 (3) | (3) (3) | Common Stock 5,306 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Blount Susan L C/O PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC. 751 BROAD STREET, 4TH FLOOR NEWARK, NJ 071023777 | | | SVP & General Counsel | |

Signatures

By: /s/ Kathleen M. Gibson, Attorney-in-fact 02/16/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 14, 2007.
- (2) 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.

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