

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 *
 Axel Robert

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)
 02/09/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP and Controller

751 BROAD STREET, 4TH FLOOR, ATTN. CORPORATE COMPLIANCE

(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
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NEWARK, NJ 07102

(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	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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2016 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 63.59	02/09/2016		A	6,310	<u>(1)</u>		02/09/2026		Common Stock	6,310
2016 Performance Shares	<u>(2)</u>	02/09/2016		A	2,078	<u>(3)</u>		<u>(3)</u>		Common Stock	2,078

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Axel Robert 751 BROAD STREET, 4TH FLOOR ATTN. CORPORATE COMPLIANCE NEWARK, NJ 07102			SVP and Controller	

Signatures

/s/John M. Cafiero,
attorney-in-fact

02/11/2016

 **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 options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 9, 2017.
- (2) The performance shares convert to common stock on a 1 to 1 basis.

Represents the target number of shares to be received relative to the Company's average ROE goals for the 2016 through 2018
- (3) performance period and relative performance against certain life insurance peer companies. The actual number of shares to be received will be determined by the Compensation Committee in February 2019.

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