

PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL INC
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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 *
 Pelletier Stephen

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

NEWARK, NJ 07102

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/14/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 or Price | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2017 | | M | | 12,922 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ 0 | 15,486 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2017 | | F | | 5,457 ⁽²⁾ | D | \$ 110.45 | 10,029 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 582 ⁽³⁾ | I | By 401(k) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 0 | I | By Spouse |

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| 2014 Performance Shares | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/14/2017 | | M | 5,094 | ⁽¹⁾ ⁽¹⁾ | Common Stock |
| 2017 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 110.45 | 02/14/2017 | | A | 33,125 | ⁽⁴⁾ 02/14/2027 | Common Stock |
| 2017 Performance Shares | ⁽⁵⁾ | 02/14/2017 | | A | 12,803 | ⁽⁶⁾ ⁽⁶⁾ | Common Stock |
| 4/7/2014 Performance Shares | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/14/2017 | | M | 5,243 | ⁽¹⁾ ⁽¹⁾ | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Pelletier Stephen 751 BROAD STREET, 4TH FLOOR ATTN. CORPORATE COMPLIANCE NEWARK, NJ 07102 | | | Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

/s/Andrew Hughes,
attorney-in-fact

02/16/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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The Compensation Committee awarded these shares, the grant of which was made on February 11, 2014 and April 7, 2014, respectively, and originally reported on a Form 3 and Form 4 filed with the SEC on April 9, 2014, based upon performance relative to the average Return On Equity (ROE) goals during the 2014 through 2016 performance period.

(2) Represents shares withheld for the payment of taxes.

Amount reported has been adjusted to include 1 share of Issuer common stock acquired by the reporting person under The Prudential Employee Savings Plan between September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2016 based on a plan statement dated December 31, 2016. The acquisition of such shares was exempt from Section 16 pursuant to Rules 16b-3(c) and 16a-3(f)(1)(i)(B).

(4) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 14, 2018.

(5) 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 and relative to the ROE achievement of certain life insurance peer companies for the 2017 through 2019 performance period. The actual number of shares to be received will be determined by the Compensation Committee in February 2020.

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