

Baird Edward P
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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 *
Baird Edward P

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)
02/12/2008

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

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)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 02/12/2008 | | A | (A) or (D) 8,876 (1) | \$ 0 | 20,136 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/12/2008 | | F | 2,694 (2) | \$ 69.03 | 17,442 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | 883 (3) | I | By 401(k) |

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)

| 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 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 69.03 | 02/12/2008 | | A | 33,765 | (4) 02/12/2018 | Common Stock 33,765 |
| Performance Shares | (5) | 02/12/2008 | | A | 10,481 | (6) (6) | Common Stock 10,481 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Baird Edward P C/O PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC. 751 BROAD STREET, 4TH FLOOR NEWARK, NJ 07102 | | | Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

By: /s/ Kathleen M. Gibson, Attorney-in-fact 02/14/2008

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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Shares awarded by the Compensation Committee upon attainment of an average Return On Equity (ROE) of at least 13% and

- (1) Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) in Earnings Per Share (EPS) of at least 12% over the 2005 through 2007 performance period based on after-tax adjusted operating income of the financial services businesses.
- (2) Represents shares withheld for the payment of taxes.
- (3) Beneficial ownership includes shares acquired under The Prudential Employee Savings Plan which are exempt transactions pursuant to Rules 16b-3(c) and 16a-3(f)(1)(i)(B).
- (4) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 12, 2009.

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- (5) 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 16% and Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) in Earnings Per Share (EPS) of 13% over the 2008 through 2010 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

- (6) 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 17% average ROE and EPS growth of 16% would result in an award of 150% of target. No award would be earned if average ROE is 11% or less and EPS growth is 6% or less. The actual number of shares to be received will be determined by the Compensation Committee in February 2011.

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