

Axel Robert
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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)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 SVP and Controller

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 751 BROAD STREET, 4TH FLOOR, ATTN. CORPORATE COMPLIANCE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/13/2018

NEWARK, NJ 07102
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 02/13/2018 | | M | (A) 2,015 (1) | \$ 0 | 2,846 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/13/2018 | | F | 797 (2) | \$ 106.89 | 2,049 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 986 (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| 2015 Performance Shares | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/13/2018 | | M | 1,825 | <u>(1)</u> <u>(1)</u> | Common Stock | 1,825 |
| 2018 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 106.89 | 02/13/2018 | | A | 1,951 | <u>(4)</u> 02/13/2028 | Common Stock | 1,951 |
| 2018 Performance Shares | \$ 0 ⁽⁵⁾ | 02/13/2018 | | A | 1,477 | <u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u> | Common Stock | 1,477 |

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/Andrew Hughes,
attorney-in-fact 02/15/2018
**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)

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The Compensation Committee awarded these shares, the grant of which was made on February 10, 2015, and originally reported on a Form 4 filed with the SEC on February 12, 2015, based upon performance relative to the average Return On Equity (ROE) goals modified by ROE, EPS Growth and Book Value Per Share Growth relative to certain life insurance peers during the 2015 through 2017 performance period.

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

Amount reported has been adjusted to include 25 shares of Issuer common stock acquired by the reporting person under The Prudential

- (3) Employee Savings Plan between December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2017 based on a plan statement dated December 31, 2017. 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 13, 2019.
- (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
- (6) of certain life insurance peer companies for the 2018 through 2020 performance period. The actual number of shares to be received will be determined by the Compensation Committee in February 2021.

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