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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL INC [PRU] Axel Robert (Month/Day/Year) 03/12/2014 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 751 BROAD STREET, 4TH (Check all applicable) FLOOR, ATTN. CORPORATE COMPLIANCE 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) SVP and Controller _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person NEWARK. NJÂ 07102 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5)

Common Stock 3 D Â

Common Stock 717 I By 401(k)

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

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Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security
2. Date Exercisable and
(Instr. 4)
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

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Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
Ownership
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| | | | (Instr. 4) | | Price of | Derivative | (Instr. 5) |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---|------------|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
| 2/13/07 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | (1) | 02/13/2017 | Common Stock | 1,474 | \$ 91.73 | D | Â |
| 2/14/06 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | (2) | 02/14/2016 | Common Stock | 996 | \$ 76.15 | D | Â |
| 2012 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | (3) | 02/14/2022 | Common Stock | 1,316 | \$ 59.41 | D | Â |
| 2012 Restricted Stock Units | (4) | (4) | Common Stock | 1,629 | \$ 0 | D | Â |
| 2013 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | (5) | 02/12/2023 | Common Stock | 3,102 | \$ 57 | D | Â |
| 2013 Restricted Stock Units | (6) | (6) | Common Stock | 1,670 | \$ 0 | D | Â |
| 2014 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | (7) | 02/11/2024 | Common Stock | 1,386 | \$ 84.53 | D | Â |
| 2014 Performance Shares | (8) | (8) | Common Stock | 363 | \$ 0 | D | Â |
| 2014 Restricted Stock Units | (9) | (9) | Common Stock | 1,087 | \$ 0 | D | Â |
| 3/11/2014 Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | (10) | 03/11/2024 | Common Stock | 1,505 | \$ 87.45 | D | Â |
| 3/11/2014 Performance Shares | (8) | (8) | Common Stock | 591 | \$ 0 | D | Â |

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 | Â | Â | SVP and Controller | Â | | |

Signatures

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

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 vested in three equal annual installments beginning on February 13, 2008.
- (2) The option vested in three equal annual installments beginning on February 14, 2007.
- (3) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 14, 2013.
- (4) The Restricted Stock Units will vest on February 14, 2015.
- (5) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 12, 2014.
- (6) The Restricted Stock Units will vest on February 12, 2016.
- (7) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 11, 2015.
- (8) Represents the target number of shares to be received relative to the Company's average ROE goals for the 2014 through 2016 performance period. The actual number of shares to be received will be determined by the Compensation Committee in February 2017.
- (9) The Restricted Stock Units will vest on February 11, 2017.
- (10) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on March 11, 2015.

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