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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] Woods Candace (Month/Day/Year) 11/15/2017 (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) Senior Vice President _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 Ownership Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) Ownership Form: (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 4,080 D Common Stock 1,305 Ι By 401(k) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
2011 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	02/08/2021	Common Stock	1,494	\$ 64.01	D	Â
2014 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	02/11/2024	Common Stock	1,213	\$ 84.53	D	Â
2015 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	02/10/2025	Common Stock	2,022	\$ 78.08	D	Â
2015 Performance Shares	(4)	(4)	Common Stock	487	\$ 0	D	Â
2015 Restricted Stock Units	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	1,460	\$ 0	D	Â
2016 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(6)	02/09/2026	Common Stock	2,524	\$ 63.59	D	Â
2016 Performance Shares	(7)	(7)	Common Stock	555	\$ 0	D	Â
2016 Restricted Stock Units	(8)	(8)	Common Stock	1,663	\$ 0	D	Â
2017 Performance Shares	(9)	(9)	Common Stock	427	\$ 0	D	Â
2017 Restricted Stock Units	(10)	(10)	Common Stock	1,281	\$ 0	D	Â
10/10/2017 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(11)	10/10/2027	Common Stock	1,184	\$ 110	D	Â
10/10/2017 Performance Shares	(12)	(12)	Common Stock	916	\$ 0	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Woods Candace 751 BROAD STREET, 4TH FLOOR ATTN. CORPORATE COMPLIANCE NEWARK, NJ 07102	Â	Â	Senior Vice President	Â	

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/s/Andrew Hughes, attorney-in-fact

11/21/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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 vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 8, 2012.
- (2) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 11, 2015.
- (3) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 10, 2016.
- (4) Represents the target number of shares to be received relative to the Company's average ROE goals for the 2015 through 2017 performance period. The actual number of shares to be received will be determined by the Compensation Committee in February 2018.
- (5) The Restricted Stock Units will vest on February 10, 2018.
- (6) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 9, 2017.
- (7) Represents the target number of shares to be received relative to the Company's average ROE goals for the 2016 through 2018 performance period. The actual number of shares to be received will be determined by the Compensation Committee in February 2019.
- (8) The Restricted Stock Units will vest on February 9, 2019.
- (9) Represents the target number of shares to be received relative to the Company's average ROE goals 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.
- (10) The Restricted Stock Units will vest on February 14, 2020.
- (11) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on October 10, 2018.
- (12) Represents the target number of shares to be received relative to the Company's average ROE goals 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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