PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL INC

Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BANTA VIVIAN L	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) C/O PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC., 751 BROAD STREET, 4TH FLOOR	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/14/2006	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice Chairman		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)		
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(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acq					ties Acqu	uired, 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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	02/14/2006		A	68,787 (1)	A	\$0	75,386	D		
Common Stock	02/14/2006		F	25,899 (2)	D	\$ 76.15	49,487	D		
Common Stock							457 <u>(3)</u>	I	By 401(k)	

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

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative 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	Amoun or Numbe of Shar
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 76.15	02/14/2006		A	71,628	<u>(4)</u>	02/14/2016	Common Stock	71,62
Performance Shares	<u>(5)</u>	02/14/2006		A	23,873	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	23,87

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BANTA VIVIAN L C/O PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC. 751 BROAD STREET, 4TH FLOOR NEWARK, NJ 071023777

Vice Chairman

Signatures

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

02/16/2006

**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).
- Shares awarded by the Compensation Committee upon attainment of a 12% Return On Equity (ROE) based on after-tax adjusted operating income for the financial services business for the year ending 2005.
- (2) Represents shares withheld for the payment of taxes.
- 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 14, 2007.

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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 12.5% and Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) in Earnings Per Share (EPS) of 12% over the 2006 through 2008 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 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 13.5% average ROE and EPS growth of 14% would result in an award of 150% of target while average ROE of 11% or less and EPS growth of 10% or less would result in an award of 50% of target. The actual number of shares to be received will be determined by the Compensation Committee in February 2009.

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