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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and A Pelletier Sto	2. Issuer France and French of Francis					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last) 751 BROA FLOOR, A COMPLIA						Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Vice President					
				endment, D nth/Day/Yea	•	1		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
NEWARK, NJ 07102			1					Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owner								ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed 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	02/13/2018			M	16,118 (1)	A	\$0	22,909	D		
Common Stock	02/13/2018			F	6,066 (2)	D	\$ 106.89	16,843	D		
Common Stock								597 <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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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	*		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A or N
2015 Performance Shares	\$ 0 (1)	02/13/2018		M		14,599	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	1
2018 Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 106.89	02/13/2018		A	30,885		<u>(4)</u>	02/13/2028	Common Stock	3
2018 Performance Shares	\$ 0 (5)	02/13/2018		A	11,690		<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Pelletier Stephen 751 BROAD STREET, 4TH FLOOR ATTN. CORPORATE COMPLIANCE

Executive Vice President

Signatures

NEWARK, NJ 07102

/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) 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

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performance period.

- (2) Represents shares withheld for the payment of taxes.
 - Amount reported has been adjusted to include 7 shares of Issuer common stock acquired by the reporting person under The Prudential
- (3) Employee Savings Plan between June 30, 2017 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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