

LAWSON RODGER A
 Form 4
 December 20, 2002
 SEC Form 4

<p align="center">FORM 4</p> <p>[] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).</p>	<p>UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549</p> <p>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP</p> <p>Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940</p>	<p align="center">OMB APPROVAL</p> <hr/> <p>OMB Number: 3235-0287 Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response. 0.5</p>
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<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Lawson, Rodger A.</p> <hr/> <p align="center">(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>c/o Prudential Financial, Inc., Corporate Compliance 751 Broad Street, 4th floor</p> <hr/> <p align="center">(Street)</p> <p>Newark, NJ 07102-3777</p> <hr/> <p align="center">(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Prudential Financial, Inc. (PRU)</p>	<p>4. Statement for (Month/Year)</p> <p align="center">December 18, 2002</p>	<p>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</p> <p>_____ Director _____ 10%</p> <p>Owner _____ <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Officer _____</p> <p>Other _____ Officer/Other Description <u>Vice Chairman</u></p>
<p>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)</p>		<p>5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)</p>	<p>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Individual Filing <input type="checkbox"/> Joint/Group Filing</p>

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code and Voluntary Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Of (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount A/D Price		

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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	3. Transaction Date	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration Date(ED)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially	10. Ownership Form of	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

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	Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	and Voluntary (V) Code (Instr.8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Of (Instr. 3,4 and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr.5)	Owned at End of Month (Instr.4)	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	(Instr.4)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$32.00	12/18/2002	A 	(A) 81,789	(1) 12/18/2012	Common Stock - 81,789		81,789	D	

Explanation of Responses :

**** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts By: /s/ Kathleen M. Gibson**
 constitute Federal Criminal Violations. _____
 See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a). **** Signature of Reporting Person**

 Date

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FOOTNOTE Descriptions for Prudential Financial, Inc. (PRU)

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Explanation of responses:

(1) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on December 18, 2003.