

PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL INC
Form 8-K
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 8, 2006

PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-16707
(Commission File Number)

22-3703799
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

751 Broad Street

Newark, New Jersey 07102

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(973) 802-6000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 - .. **Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))**
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Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The response to Item 8.01 is hereby incorporated into this Item 2.03.

Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.

The response to Item 8.01 is hereby incorporated into this Item 3.02. The Convertible Notes referred to in the response to Item 8.01 are convertible into Common Stock, as described in such response.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 8, 2006, Prudential Financial, Inc., a New Jersey corporation (the Company), issued a news release announcing that it had priced a private placement pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), of \$2.0 billion aggregate principal amount of convertible senior notes due 2036 (the Convertible Notes). The initial purchasers of the Convertible Notes also have an option to purchase an additional \$300 million aggregate principal amount of the Convertible Notes solely to cover their overallocments. The issuance and sale of the Convertible Notes are to be consummated on customary terms and conditions pursuant to a Purchase Agreement entered into by the Company and the initial purchasers named therein on December 7, 2006. The sale of the Convertible Notes is expected to close on December 12, 2006, subject to customary closing conditions.

The Company will pay interest on the Convertible Notes at an annual rate equal to 3-month LIBOR, reset quarterly, minus 2.40% until maturity on December 12, 2036, subject to earlier repurchase, redemption or conversion. The initial conversion price per share is approximately \$104.21, which is a premium of 20.00% over the closing price of the Company's Common Stock (the Common Stock) of \$86.84 per share on December 7, 2006. This represents a conversion rate of 9.5962 shares of Common Stock per \$1,000 principal amount of Convertible Notes. The Company will settle each \$1,000 principal amount of Convertible Notes surrendered for conversion by delivering cash and shares of Common Stock, if any, equal to the sum of the daily settlement amounts for each of the ten trading days during the related observation period. The daily settlement amount for each of the ten trading days of the observation period will consist of: (1) an amount in cash equal to the lesser of \$100 and the daily conversion value relating to such day, and (2) to the extent such daily conversion value exceeds \$100, a number of shares of Common Stock equal to (A) the difference between such daily conversion value and \$100 divided by (B) the Common Stock price for such day. The Company may redeem all or some of the Convertible Notes for cash at any time on or after December 13, 2007 at 100% of their principal amount plus accrued interest, if any, to but not including the redemption date. The holders of the Convertible Notes may require the Company to repurchase the Convertible Notes for cash on the 1-, 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 10-, 15-, 20- and 25-year anniversaries of the date of issuance at the par amount plus accrued interest, if any.

The purposes of the offering of the convertible notes are: (i) to purchase an investment grade fixed income investment portfolio and (ii) general corporate purposes. In connection with the offering, the Company anticipates purchasing under its existing share repurchase authorization up to \$205 million of its Common Stock. The Company anticipates that substantially all of those repurchases will be from the purchasers of the convertible notes.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99.0 News Release of the Company, dated December 8, 2006, announcing the pricing of a private placement pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of \$2.0 billion aggregate principal amount of Convertible Notes.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 8, 2006

PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, INC.

By: /s/ Stephen W. Gauster

Name: Stephen W. Gauster

Title: Assistant Secretary

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