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Pricing Supplement Number 42 Dated 12/27/2004

(To: Prospectus Dated April 25, 2003 and Prospectus Supplement Dated March 25, 2004)

Investors should read this pricing supplement in conjunction with the Prospectus and Prospectus Supplement.

SIP nber	Selling Price	Gross Concession	Net Proceeds			Coupon Frequency		1st Coupon Date	1st Coupon Survivor Amount Option		Moody Rating	
32AET3	100.000%	0.625%	\$1,113,993.75	FIXED	3.400%	SEMI-ANNUAL	12/15/2007	6/15/2005	\$ 15.58 YES	Senior	A3	A-
										Unsecured		

Redemption Information: Non-Callable.

Joint Lead Managers and Lead Agents: Banc of America Securities LLC, INCAPITAL, LLC Agents: A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., Bear, Stearns & Co., Inc., Charles Schwab & Co. Inc., Citigroup, Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P., Fidelity Capital Markets, Merrill Lynch & Co., Morgan Stanley, Ramirez & Co., Inc., Raymond James & Associates, Inc., RBC Dain Rauscher Inc., Muriel Siebert & Co., Inc., UBS Financial Services Inc., Wachovia Securities, LLC

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nber	Price	Concession	Net Proceeds	Type	Rate	Frequency	Date	Date	Amount	Option	Ranking	Rating	Ra
32AEU0	100.000%	1.000%	\$693,000.00	FIXED	3.950%	SEMI-ANNUAL	12/15/2009	6/15/2005	\$ 18.10	YES	Senior	A3	A-
											Unsecured		

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umber	Price	Concession	Net Proceeds	Type	Rate	Frequency	Date	Date	AmountOption	Ranking	Rating	Ratin
4432AEV8	100.000%	1.200%	\$1,678,612.00	FIXED	4.350%	SEMI-	12/15/2011	6/15/2005	\$ 19.94 YES	Senior	A3	A-
						ANNUAL.				Unsecured		

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Prudential Financial, Inc. Trade Date: Monday, December 27, 2004 @ 12:00 PM ET Prudential Financial, Inc.

751 Broad Street Settle Date: Thursday, December 30, 2004 \$1,000,000,000,000.00 Prudential Financial, Inc. InterNotes®

Newark NJ 07102 Minimum Denomination/Increments: \$1,000.00/\$1,000.00 Prospectus Dated 25-Apr-03 and Prospectus Supplement

Dated: 25-Mar-04

Initial trades settle flat and clear SDFS: DTC Book Entry only

DTC number: 0443 via Pershing, LLC

If the maturity date or an interest payment date for any note is not a Business Day (as defined in the Prospectus), principal, premium, if any, and interest for that note is paid on the next Business Day, and no interest will accrue from, and after, the maturity date or interest payment date.

The Prudential Financial, Inc. InterNotes will be represented by a single master global note in fully registered form, without coupons. The master global note will be deposited with, or on behalf of, DTC and registered in the name of a nominee of DTC, as depository, or another depository as may be named in a subsequent pricing supplement.

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