

SORENSEN NORMAN R
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SORENSEN NORMAN R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP
INC [PFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Sr. VP - International

(Last) (First) (Middle)
711 HIGH STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/07/2007

DES MOINES, IA 50392

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/07/2007		A	151 A \$ 0 (1)	21,073 (2)	D	
Common Stock	12/07/2007		P	61 A \$ 67	21,134 (2)	D	
Common Stock					2,852	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock					149	I	By Spouse

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

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The reported phantom stock units were acquired pursuant to the Principal Select Savings Excess Plan and may be transferred at any time (5) into another investment alternative under the Plan. Interests under the Plan will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

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