

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC
Form 4
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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 *
STRABLE-SOETHOUT DEANNA
D

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/29/2015

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President - US Ins. Solutions

DES MOINES, IA 50392

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 07/29/2015 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 22 A \$ 11.07 | 39,360 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/29/2015 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 22 D \$ 55 | 39,338 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 618 | I | By 401(k) Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | 31,735 | I | By Spouse |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.07 | 07/29/2015 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 22 | 02/24/2012 02/24/2019 | Common Stock | 22 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.07 | | | | | 02/24/2012 02/24/2019 | Common Stock | 7,955 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| STRABLE-SOETHOUT DEANNA D 711 HIGH STREET DES MOINES, IA 50392 | | | President - US Ins. Solutions | |

Signatures

Patrick A. Kirchner, by Power of Attorney
07/31/2015

**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) Pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on March 11, 2014.

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