

Mullaney William J
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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 *
 Mullaney William J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 METLIFE INC [MET]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 200 PARK AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/22/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President, U.S. Business

NEW YORK, NY 10166

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 | 12/22/2010 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 9,100 | A | \$ 30.35 | 63,951 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/22/2010 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 9,100 | D | \$ 45 | 54,851 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 46 | I | By the MetLife Policyholder Trust ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 65 | I | By Daughter in the MetLife |

Policyholder
Trust

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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) | \$ 30.35 | 12/22/2010 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 9,100 | ⁽³⁾ 02/18/2012 | Common Stock | 9,100 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Mullaney William J 200 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10166 | | | President, U.S. Business | |

Signatures

Richard S. Collins, authorized signer
Date: 12/27/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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The stock option exercise and sale transaction reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Sales Plan adopted by the reporting person on June 1, 2010.

- (2) Shares held in trust under the MetLife Policyholder Trust established to hold shares of Common Stock allocated to eligible policyholders of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of MetLife, Inc.
- (3) The option vested in three equal installments on February 19, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

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