

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC

Form 4

September 04, 2014

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MCCAUGHAN JAMES P

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)
09/02/2014

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
President - Global Asset Mgmt.

DES MOINES, IA 50392

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	09/02/2014		M ⁽¹⁾		6,568	A	\$ 39.02	212,408 ⁽²⁾ D
Common Stock	09/02/2014		S ⁽¹⁾		6,568	D	\$ 54.5 ⁽³⁾	205,840 ⁽²⁾ D
Common Stock	09/02/2014		M ⁽⁴⁾		12,000	A	\$ 11.07	217,840 ⁽²⁾ D
Common Stock	09/02/2014		S ⁽⁴⁾		12,000	D	\$ 54.5 ⁽⁵⁾	205,840 ⁽²⁾ D

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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 39.02	09/02/2014		M ⁽¹⁾		6,568		02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Common Stock	6,568
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.07	09/02/2014		M ⁽⁴⁾		12,000		02/24/2012	02/24/2019	Common Stock	12,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
MCCAUGHAN JAMES P 711 HIGH STREET DES MOINES, IA 50392	President - Global Asset Mgmt.

Signatures

Patrick A. Kirchner, by Power of Attorney 09/04/2014

__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 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 7, 2013.

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- (2) Includes 8,298 shares acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$54.24 - \$54.77 inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Principal Financial Group, Inc., any security holder of Principal

- (3) Financial Group, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (3) and (5) to this Form 4.

- (4) Pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 8, 2014.

- (5) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$54.23 - \$54.76, inclusive.

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