PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC

FORM 4/A

(Amended Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Principal Financial Group, Inc. (PFG)				
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Day/Year December 9, 2002	Director X_Officer (give title below) Executive Vice President	10% (Other (
	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)	X Form filed by One Report Form filed by More than 0	ing Person		
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Phantom Stock Unit	1 for	112/09/02	2	A		.89		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	.89	9	104.8	

Explanation of Responses:

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

By: /s/ Joyce N. Hoffman
Attorney-in-Fact
**Signature of Reporting Person

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