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 Form 3 Holdings Reported  
 Form 4 Transactions Reported

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Aschenbrenner, John E.</b> (Last) (First) (Middle)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Principal Financial Group, Inc. (PFG)</b>		6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
711 High Street (Street)			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Year <b>December 2002</b>	
Des Moines, IA 50392 (City) (State) (Zip)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal year (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock							9,179 (1)	D	
Common Stock	4/30/02		I	7,126	A	\$28.07	7,761	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock							100	I	By Daughter
Common Stock							100	I	By Son

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.  
\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 5 (continued) 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 & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$27.48	4/29/02		A	45,205		(2)	4/29/12	Common Stock	45,205		45,205	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Includes 453 shares acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) The option vests in three annual installments beginning on April 29, 2003.

By: /s/ **Joyce N. Hoffman**  
Attorney-in-Fact

**February 13, 2003**  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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