

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Principal Financial Group, Inc. (PFG)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
Director 10%
X Officer (give title below)
December 9, 2002 Executive Vice President
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing
X Form filed by One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially

Table with 6 columns: 1. Title of Security, 2. Transaction Date, 2A. Deemed Execution, 3. Transaction Code, 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D), 5. Amount of Securities, 6. Ownership Form.

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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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Table with 10 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s).

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 into an alternative under the Plan.

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

**Signature of Reporting Person

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