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## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Addres	1 0		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
CARTER MI	CARTER MILLER JOYCELYN		PFG ]	X	Director	10% Owner				
	(Loot) (First) (Middle)				Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)		Delow)	below)				
711 HIGH STRE	(E.L.		12/07/2007							
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	idual or Joint/Group Filing	(Check Applicable				
DES MOINES	IA	50392		X	Form filed by One Repor	ting Person				
s					Form filed by More than	One Reporting				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			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. Transa Code ( 8)		4. Securities Disposed Of 5)			Securities Beneficially	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(11541 4)
Common Stock	12/07/2007		Α		87	Α	<b>\$0</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	6,678	D	

 
 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. Transa Code ( 8)		5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) of Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5	ative rities ired osed . 3, 4	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		le and 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 5) Security (Instr. 3)		Ownership Form: Direct (D)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Grant of restricted stock units.

Remarks:

#### Joyce N. Hoffman, by Power of Attorney

12/11/2007

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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