FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* ZIMPLEMAN LARRY D (Last) (First) (Middle) 711 HIGH STREET | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC [PFG] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/27/2014 | | | | | | (Ch | eck all application Director V Officer | utionship of Reporting Per k all applicable) Director Officer (give title below) | | son(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below) | |
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| (Street) DES MOINES IA 50392 | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | Line | . Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) | (Sta | | ^{Zip)} e I - Non-D | erivative | Sec | uritie | s Ac | guired. Di | sposed (| of, or Be | neficial | ly Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Tran | | | Transaction | action 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | | 3. Transaction | 4. Securities Acquired (A) on Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, | | | 5. Amou Securitie Beneficie Owned F | nt of s ally ollowing | Form (D) o | : Direct r Indirect str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) Price | | Reported Transact (Instr. 3 | ction(s) | | | | | |
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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code | Transaction Code (Instr. | | n of E | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | d f s g Security nd 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | e s ally g | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Performance Units | (1) | 06/27/2014 | | A | | 51 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 51 | (2) | 8,128 | 3 | D | |
| Phantom Stock Units | (1) | 06/27/2014 | | A | | 79.6 | | (3) | (3) | Common | 79.6 | \$50.27 | 12,589 | .1 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- 2. The reported performance units were acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group Long-Term Performance Plan. Units under the Plan will be settled in cash or stock within a five-year period from the date of vesting.
- 3. Acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Select Savings Excess Plan and may be transferred at any time into another investment alternative under that plan. Interests under the plan will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

Remarks:

Patrick A. Kirchner, by Power of Attorney

07/01/2014

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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