FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* LAMALE ELLEN Z | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC [PFG] | | | | | | | | | | k all appli Direct | cable) | g Per | son(s) to Iss 10% O Other (s | vner |
|--|---|------------|--|----------------|--|------|---|--------|---|------|---|-------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 711 HIGH STREET | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/30/2004 | | | | | | | | | | below | below) Sr. VP & Cl | | below) | |
| (Street) DES MC (City) | | | 50392 (Zip) | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 08/03/2004 | | | | | | | | | 3. Indi Line) X | ′ | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - Non-D | Derivat | tive S | Secu | ritie | s Ac | quired, D | Disp | osed (| of, or Be | nefic | ially | Owne | t | | | |
| Date | | | . Transact Pate Month/Day | Execution Date | | | n Date | (A) or | | | str. 3, 4 | and Securiti Benefic | | es Fori ially (D) (Following (I) (I | | n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | Т | able II - De (e. | | | | | | | spo | sed of | , or Ben | eficia | lly C | (Instr. 3 Owned | and 4) | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | 3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/Y | Co | Transaction Code (Instr. | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/ | ate | Amount Securiti Underly Derivati | | Title and nount of curities derlying rivative Security str. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | у | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Co | de V | . (. | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | piration tte | Title | Amou or Numb of Shares | er | | | | | |
| Phantom Stock Units | (1) | 07/30/2004 | | A | (2) | 1 | 15.8 | | (3) | | (3) | Common Stock | 15.8 | | \$33.99 | 732.8 ⁽⁴ |) | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- 2. Pursuant to 10b5-1 plan adopted February 21, 2002.
- 3. The reported phantom stock units were acquired pursuant to the Principal Select Savings Excess Plan and may be transferred at any time into another investment alternative under the Plan. Interests under the plan will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.
- 4. Inadvertently understated total number of securities beneficially owned following reported transaction by 9.9 units. This understatement was repeated in four reports filed thereafter. The report filed on October 12, 2004 is also being amended to correct an error. The report filed on March 14, 2005 includes a correct total number of phantom stock units beneficially owned following the transactions reported in that form.

Remarks:

Karen E. Shaff, by Power of **Attorney**

03/30/2005

** 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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