FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Houston Daniel Joseph						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC PFG]								(Chec	5. Relationship of Reporting Check all applicable) X Director V Officer (give title			Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 711 HIGH STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/05/2021									below) below) Chairman, President & CEO				
(Street) DES MOINES IA 50392					4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip)															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. Transar Date (Month/Date)						Execution Date,			Code (ction Instr.	4. Securi Dispose 5)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of ndirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code	v	Amount	(A (D	or F	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common	Stock											88,9	59(1)		D				
Common Stock														125,000				By Γrust ⁽²⁾	
Common Stock															3,515			Ι .	By 401(k) Plan
	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 Da if any (Month/Day/Y	ate, T	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Ex Expiration (Month/Da	Date	of Securiti		ng /e Security		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transaction	Own For Illy Dire or li (I) (I	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				С	Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisabl		xpiration ate	Title	or Nur	ount nber shares		(Instr. 4)	on(a)		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$58.68	03/05/2021		A			271,220		(3)	03/05/2031 Common Stock 27		1,220	\$0	271,220		D			

Explanation of Responses:

- $1.\ Includes\ 5,238\ shares\ acquired\ pursuant\ to\ the\ Principal\ Financial\ Group,\ Inc.\ Employee\ Stock\ Purchase\ Plan.$
- 2. Daniel J. Houston 2019 DGT Exempt Trust
- 3. The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning March 5, 2022.

Remarks:

Alex P. Montz, by Power of

03/09/2021

<u>Attorney</u> ** 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).
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