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## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|   |               |          | or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940  |                        |  |                             |
|---|---------------|----------|---|------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup><br>GELATT DANIEL |               |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC</u> [ PFG ] |                        | tionship of Reporting Perso<br>all applicable)<br>Director<br>Officer (give title      | 10% Owner<br>Other (specify |
| (Last)<br>711 HIGH STRI   | (First)<br>ET | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>03/27/2015                                  |                        | below)   | below)                      |
| (Street)<br>DES MOINES  | IA            | 50392    | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X | idual or Joint/Group Filing (<br>Form filed by One Report<br>Form filed by More than ( | ting Person                 |
| (City)  | (State)       | (Zip)    |   |                        | Person   |                             |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and<br>5) |               |                           | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|---|---------------|---------------------------|---|---|---|
|                                 |  |   | Code                         | v | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price                     | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   | (1130.4)  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/27/2015                                 |   | Α                            |   | 253   | A             | <b>\$0</b> <sup>(1)</sup> | 35,962  | D   |   |
| Common Stock                    |  |   |                              |   |   |               |                           | 301,506   | Ι   | By<br>Ginkgo<br>LLC   |

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

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |     | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3<br>and 4) |                    | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |  |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|---|-----|---|--------------------|---|--|----------------|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable   | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares   |                |  |  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Grant of restricted stock units.

Remarks:

# Patrick A. Kirchner, by Power 0. 00 Oct Attorney

<u>er</u> <u>03/31/2015</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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