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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Inst	ruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Mills Scott			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC</u> [PFG]		tionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer all applicable) Director 10% Owner		
(Last) 711 HIGH ST	(First) REET	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/22/2018	-	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)	
(Street) DES MOINES IA 50392		50392	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	Form filed by One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			Form filed by More th Person	an One Reporting	
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date,						Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/22/2018		A		2,752	Α	\$0 ⁽¹⁾	7,314	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. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	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				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Grant of restricted stock units.

Remarks:

Patrick A. Kirchner, by Power of Attorney

05/23/2018

** 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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