

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Dunbar Timothy Mark</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) 711 HIGH STREET <hr/> (Street) DES MOINES IA 50392 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC [ PFG ]</u> <hr/> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/15/2015 <hr/> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP &amp; Chief Investment Officer</u> <hr/> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	06/15/2015		G	V	2,000	D	\$0	38,613 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/28/2015		A		157	A	\$0 <sup>(2)</sup>	38,797 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
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**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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
Phantom Stock Units	(3)	12/28/2015		A		45.6		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	45.6	\$45.57	5,508.7	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Includes 3,401 shares acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- Grant of restricted stock units.
- The units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- 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 12/30/2015

\*\* 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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