FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name an	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC PFG ]										Check a		p of Reporting Person(s) blicable) ctor 10		(s) to Is						
(Last) 711 HIGI	ast) (First) (Middle)					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/22/2018										Office below	er (give title v)		Other (specify below)		
(Street) DES MO (City)	DES MOINES IA 50392					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									ne)	Form Form	al or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable orm filed by One Reporting Person orm filed by More than One Reporting erson				
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Common	/2018	/2018			A		2,752	2	A	\$0	(1)	42,388		D							
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				6. Date Ex Expiration (Month/Da	n Date	•	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst and 4)		str. 3			9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4	: ct (D) direct	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Grant of restricted stock units.

## Remarks:

Patrick A. Kirchner, by Power

05/23/2018

of Attorney

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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