FORM 4

to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5

obligations may continue. See

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1 0 | | | | | Name and Ticker or ' Il Financial Group, I | 0 | | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|---------|-------|------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) 711 High Street | (First) (| Middle) | of Re | epor | Identification Numbe ting Person, ty (voluntary) | Mon | atement for th/Day/Year ruary 25, 2003 | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | | | |
| (Street) Des Moines,, IA 50392 | | | | | | | Amendment, of Original nth/Day/Year) | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | Table I — N | es Acquired, Disposed of, or I | , or Beneficially Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 1 | Date, | l | ode | 4. Securities Acquired (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) Amount | (A) or I (A) or (D) | Price | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Follow- ing Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4) | 6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of | 2. Conver- | 3. | 3A. | 4. | 5. Number of Derivative | | 6. Date | | 7. Title and Amount | | 8. Price of | 9. Number of | 10. | 11. Nature |
|-------------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------|----------------------------|-------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------|----------------|------------|-------------|
| Derivative | sion or | Trans- | Deemed | Trans- | Securities Acquired (A) or | | Exercisable of | | of Underlying | | Derivative | Derivative | Owner- | of Indirect |
| Security | Exercise | action | Execution | action | Disposed of (D) | | and Exp | and Expiration Securities | | Security | Securities | ship | Beneficial | |
| | Price of | Date | Date, | Code | | | Date | | (Instr. 3 & 4) | | (Instr. 5) | Beneficially | Form | Ownership |
| (Instr. 3) | Derivative | | if any | | (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) | | (Month/Day/ | | ľ | | | Owned | of | (Instr. 4) |
| | occurry | (Month/ | (Month/ | (Instr. | | Year) | | | | | Following | Deriv- | | |
| | | Day/ Year) | Day/ Year) | 8) | | | | | | | | Reported | ative | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Transaction(s) | Security: | |
| | | | | Code | / (A) | (D) | Date | Expira- | Title | Amount | 1 | (Instr. 4) | Direct | |
| | | | | | | | Exer- | tion | | or | | | (D) | |
| | | | | | | | cisable | Date | | Number | | | or | |
| | | | | | | | | | | of | | | Indirect | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Shares | | | (I) | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Performance | 1 for 1 | 2/25/03 | | A | 48,902 | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common | 48,902 | | 48,902 | D | |
| Units | | | | | | | | | Stock | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The reported performance units were acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group Long-Term Performance Plan. Units under the Plan will be settled in cash or stock within a five-year period from date of vesting.

> By: /s/ Joyce N. Hoffman Attorney-in-Fact **Signature of Reporting Person

February 27, 2003 Date

**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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