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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report: NOVEMBER 30, 2004  
(Date of earliest event reported)

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	1-16725	42-1520346
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission file number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

711 HIGH STREET, DES MOINES, IOWA 50392  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(515) 247-5111  
(Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

At a meeting held on November 30, 2004, the board of directors of Principal Financial Group, Inc. approved a compensation arrangement pursuant to which the presiding director of the board will receive an annual retainer of \$5,000 to be paid in cash in semi-annual installments, effective immediately. The current presiding director of the board of directors of Principal Financial Group, Inc. is C. Daniel Gelatt.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /S/ JOYCE N. HOFFMAN  
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Name: Joyce N. Hoffman  
Title: Senior Vice President and Corporate  
Secretary

Date: December 3, 2004

