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Listing Qualifications

By Electronic Mail

December 15, 2017

Mr. Jeffrey Thomas
Chief, IT Services
Division of Corporation Finance
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549

Dear Mr. Thomas:

This is to certify that on December 15, 2017 The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from Principal Financial Group, Inc. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following security:

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

We further certify that the security described above has been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking immediate acceleration of the effective date of registration, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'William Slattery'.