

Lillis Terrance J.
Form 4
December 06, 2011

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Lillis Terrance J.

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP
INC [PFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

711 HIGH STREET

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

12/02/2011

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Senior Vice President & CFO

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

DES MOINES, IA 50392

(City) (State) (Zip)

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	12/02/2011		A		347	A	\$ 0 (1)
Common Stock							24,074 (2)
Common Stock							37
Common Stock							303
							D
							I
							I
							By 401(k) Plan
							By Spouse

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Phantom Stock Units	(3)	12/02/2011		A	4	(4)	(4)	Common Stock 4 \$ 24.3

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lillis Terrance J. 711 HIGH STREET DES MOINES, IA 50392			Senior Vice President & CFO	

Signatures

Joyce N. Hoffman, by Power of Attorney 12/06/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

(1) Grant of restricted stock units.

(2) Includes 6,949 shares acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

(3) Security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

(4) The phantom stock units were acquired pursuant to the Principal Select Savings Excess Plan and may be transferred at any time into another investment alternative under the plan. Interests under the plan will be settled upon the reporting person's termination of service.

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