DAN MICHAEL T Form 4 January 02, 2018

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DAN MICHAEL T			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC [PFG]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)				
(Last) 711 HIGH S	(First) (Middle)  STREET		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/28/2017					_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)				
	(Street)	` , ,			nendment, Date Original (onth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
DES MOINI	ES, IA 50392							Person	More than One R	eporting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	) Executi	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) of (D) d and (A) or	)) 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)		
Common Stock Common	12/28/2017			Code V A	Amount 268	(D)	Price \$ 0 (1)	39,307	D			
Stock								10,000	I	By Spouse		

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

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pric Deriva Securi (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Units	(2)	12/28/2017		A	100.8	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	100.8	\$ 71

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
DAN MICHAEL T 711 HIGH STREET DES MOINES, IA 50392	X					

## **Signatures**

Patrick A. Kirchner, by Power of Attorney 01/02/2018

\*\*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) The units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) The reported phantom stock units were acquired pursuant to the Principal Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors and will be settled on the reporting person's retirement.

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