

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Dunbar Timothy Mark

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)
 07/22/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP and Chief Investment Officer

DES MOINES, IA 50392

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	07/22/2013		M ⁽¹⁾		4,280 A \$ 36.3	44,419 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	07/22/2013		S ⁽¹⁾		4,280 D \$ 40	40,139 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	07/22/2013		M ⁽¹⁾		685 A \$ 38.74	40,824 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	07/22/2013		S ⁽¹⁾		685 D \$ 40	40,139 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	07/22/2013		M ⁽¹⁾		5,000 A \$ 11.07	45,139 ⁽²⁾	D

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Common Stock	07/22/2013		<u>S</u> (1)	5,000	D	\$ 40	40,139	<u>(2)</u>	D	
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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. 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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.3	07/22/2013		<u>M</u> (1)	4,280	02/24/2007 02/24/2014	Common Stock	4,280	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.74	07/22/2013		<u>M</u> (1)	685	11/12/2007 11/12/2014	Common Stock	685	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.07	07/22/2013		<u>M</u> (1)	5,000	02/24/2012 02/24/2019	Common Stock	5,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

Dunbar Timothy Mark
711 HIGH STREET
DES MOINES, IA 50392

SVP and Chief
Investment
Offic

Signatures

Joyce N. Hoffman, by Power of
Attorney

07/24/2013

__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) Pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on June 14, 2013.

(2) Includes 2,957 shares acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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