SEC Form 4

**FORM 4**

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| **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Washington, D.C. 20549 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | OMB APPROVAL |  |
|  |  |  |
| **STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | OMB Number: | 3235-0287 |  |  |
|  | Estimated average burden |  |
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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940



1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

[SHAFF KAREN E](http://www.sec.gov/cgi-bin/browse-edgar?action=getcompany&CIK=0001166872)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

711 HIGH STREET

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

[PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC](http://www.sec.gov/cgi-bin/browse-edgar?action=getcompany&CIK=0001126328) [

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

12/07/2017

1. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

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|  | Director | X 10% Owner |  |
| X | Officer (give title | Other (specify |  |
| below) | below) |  |
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EVP, Gen'l Counsel, Secretary

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|  |  |  |  |  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable |  |
|  | (Street) |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Line) |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | DES MOINES | IA | 50392 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X Form filed by One Reporting Person |  |
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|  |  | (City) | (State) | (Zip) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Person |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned** |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)** | **2. Transaction** | **2A. Deemed** | **3.** |  | **4. Securities Acquired (A) or** |  | **5. Amount of** | **6. Ownership** | **7. Nature of** |  |
|  |  |  |  | **Date** | **Execution Date,** | **Transaction** | **Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and** |  | **Securities** | **Form: Direct** | **Indirect** |  |
|  |  |  |  | **(Month/Day/Year)** | **if any** | **Code (Instr.** | **5)** |  |  |  | **Beneficially** | **(D) or Indirect** | **Beneficial** |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | **(Month/Day/Year)** | **8)** |  |  |  |  |  | **Owned Following** | **(I) (Instr. 4)** | **Ownership** |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Reported** |  | **(Instr. 4)** |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Code** | **V** | **Amount** | **(A) or** | **Price** |  | **Transaction(s)** |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **(D)** |  | **(Instr. 3 and 4)** |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Common Stock |  | 12/07/2017 |  | G | V | 3,800 | D | $0 | 65,905(1) | D |  |  |  |
|  | Common Stock |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2,801 | I | By Spouse |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Immediate |  |
|  | Common Stock |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 500 | I | Family |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Member's |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | IRA |  |
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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** | **2.** | **3. Transaction** | **3A. Deemed** | **4.** | **5. Number** | **6. Date Exercisable and** | **7. Title and** | **8. Price of** | **9. Number of** | **10.** | **11. Nature** |
| **Derivative** | **Conversion** | **Date** | **Execution Date,** | **Transaction** | **of** |  | **Expiration Date** | **Amount of** | **Derivative** | **derivative** | **Ownership** | **of Indirect** |
| **Security** | **or Exercise** | **(Month/Day/Year)** | **if any** | **Code (Instr.** | **Derivative** | **(Month/Day/Year)** | **Securities** | **Security** | **Securities** | **Form:** | **Beneficial** |
| **(Instr. 3)** | **Price of** |  | **(Month/Day/Year)** | **8)** | **Securities** |  |  | **Underlying** | **(Instr. 5)** | **Beneficially** | **Direct (D)** | **Ownership** |
|  | **Derivative** |  |  |  | **Acquired** |  |  | **Derivative** |  | **Owned** | **or Indirect** | **(Instr. 4)** |
|  | **Security** |  |  |  | **(A) or** |  |  |  | **Security (Instr. 3** |  | **Following** | **(I) (Instr. 4)** |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **Disposed** |  |  | **and 4)** |  |  | **Reported** |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **of (D)** |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Transaction(s)** |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **(Instr. 3, 4** |  |  |  |  |  | **(Instr. 4)** |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **and 5)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Amount** |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **or** |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Number** |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Date** | **Expiration** |  | **of** |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | **Code V** | **(A)** | **(D)** | **Exercisable** | **Date** | **Title** | **Shares** |  |  |  |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Includes 8,109 shares acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

**Remarks:**

Patrick A. Kirchner, by Power



of Attorney



\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

12/08/2017



Date

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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