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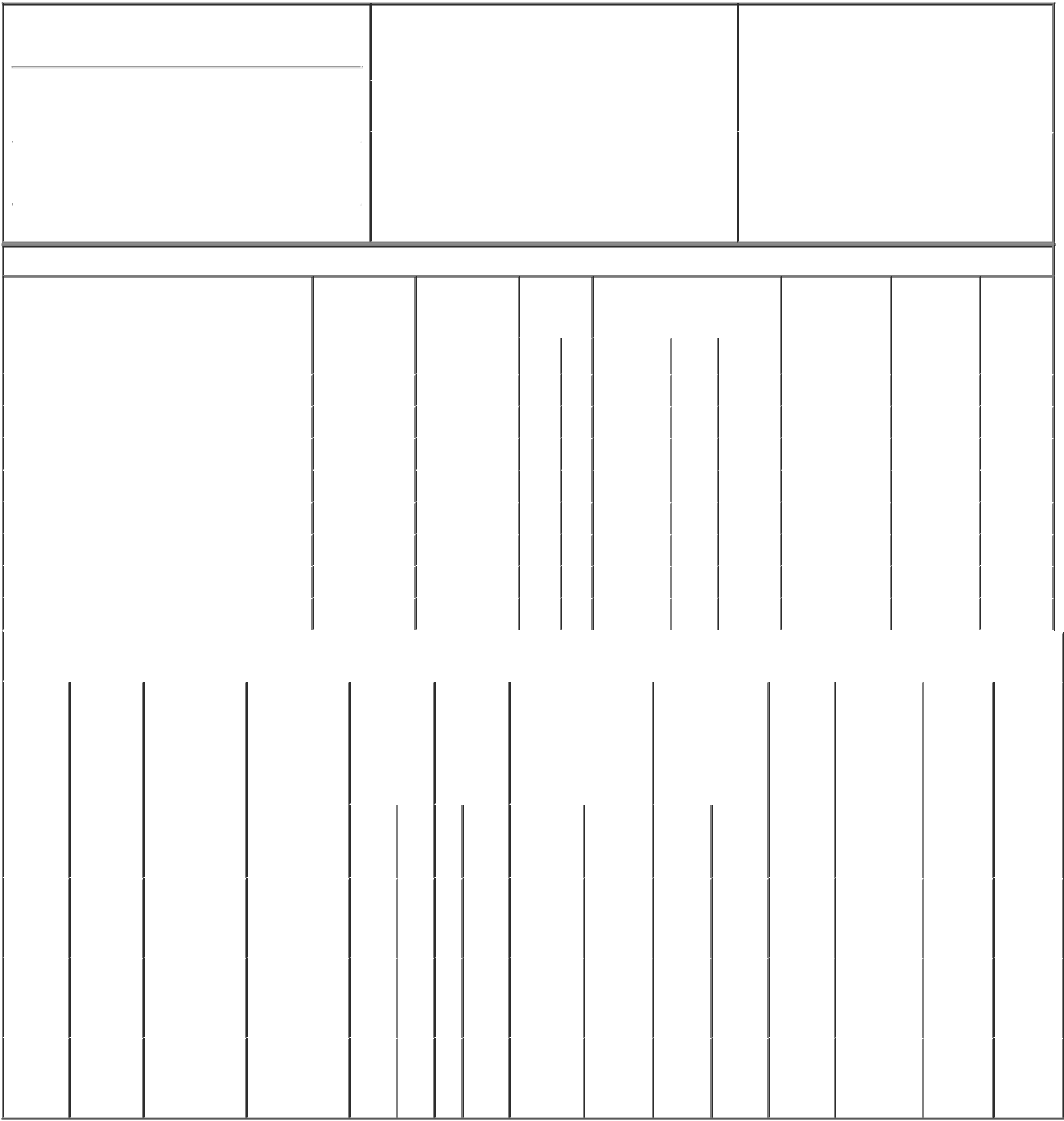
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| Washington, D.C. 20549 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP** |  |  |  |  |  |
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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940



1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

[MCCAUGHAN JAMES P](http://www.sec.gov/cgi-bin/browse-edgar?action=getcompany&CIK=0001196954)

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|  | (Last) | (First) | (Middle) |
|  | 711 HIGH STREET | |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| (Street) | |  |  |
|  | DES MOINES | IA | 50392 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | (City) | (State) | (Zip) |

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| 2. | | Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |  |
| [PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC](http://www.sec.gov/cgi-bin/browse-edgar?action=getcompany&CIK=0001126328) [ | | | | (Check all applicable) | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Director | 10% Owner |  |
| PFG ] | | | |  |  |
| X | Officer (give title | Other (specify |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | below) | below) |  |
| 3. | | Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | |  |  |
|  | President - Global Asset Mgmt. | |  |
| 01/02/2014 | | |  |  |  |
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| 4. | | If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable | | |  |

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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | **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 5)** | | | |  | **Securities** |  | **Form: Direct** | | **Indirect** | | |  |
|  |  |  |  | **(Month/Day/Year)** | | **if any** |  | **Code (Instr.** |  |  |  |  |  | **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 | |  | 01/02/2014 | |  |  | M(1) | 14,992 | A | $36.3 |  | 207,661(2) | | |  | D |  |  |  |  |
|  | Common Stock | |  | 01/02/2014 | |  |  | S(1) | 14,992 | D | $48.6(3) | | 192,669(2) | | |  | D |  |  |  |  |
|  | Common Stock | |  | 01/02/2014 | |  |  | M(4) | 6,568 | A | $39.02 | | 199,237(2) | | |  | D |  |  |  |  |
|  | Common Stock | |  | 01/02/2014 | |  |  | S(4) | 6,568 | D | $48.6(5) | | 192,669(2) | | |  | D |  |  |  |  |
|  | Common Stock | |  | 01/02/2014 | |  |  | M(1) | 5,000 | A | $11.07 | | 197,669(2) | | |  | D |  |  |  |  |
|  | Common Stock | |  | 01/02/2014 | |  |  | S(1) | 5,000 | D | $48.6(6) | | 192,669(2) | | |  | D |  |  |  |  |
|  | Common Stock | |  | 01/02/2014 | |  |  | M(4) | 5,000 | A | $11.07 | | 197,669(2) | | |  | D |  |  |  |  |
|  | Common Stock | |  | 01/02/2014 | |  |  | S(4) | 5,000 | D | $48.6(7) | | 192,669(2) | | |  | D |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | **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 Amount** | | | **8. Price of** | | **9. Number of** | | **10.** | **11. Nature** | | |  |
|  | **Derivative** | **Conversion** | **Date** | **Execution Date,** | **Transaction** | **of** | **Expiration Date** | | | **of Securities** | | | **Derivative** | | **derivative** |  | **Ownership of Indirect** | | | |  |
|  | **Security** | **or Exercise** | **(Month/Day/Year)** | **if any** | **Code (Instr.** | **Derivative** | **(Month/Day/Year)** | | | **Underlying** |  |  | **Security** | | **Securities** |  | **Form:** | **Beneficial** | | |  |
|  | **(Instr. 3)** | **Price of** |  | **(Month/Day/Year)** | **8)** | **Securities** |  |  |  | **Derivative Security** | | | **(Instr. 5)** | | **Beneficially** | | **Direct (D)** | **Ownership** | | |  |
|  |  | **Derivative** |  |  |  | **Acquired** |  |  |  | **(Instr. 3 and 4)** | | |  |  | **Owned** |  | **or Indirect** | **(Instr. 4)** | | |  |
|  |  | **Security** |  |  |  | **(A) or** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Following** |  | **(I) (Instr. 4)** |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | **Disposed** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Reported** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | **of (D) (Instr.** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Transaction(s)** | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | **3, 4 and 5)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **(Instr. 4)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Amount** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **or** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Number** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Date** | | **Expiration** |  | **of** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **Code V** | **(A) (D)** | **Exercisable** | | **Date** | **Title** | **Shares** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Employee |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Stock |  |  |  | M(1) |  |  |  |  | Common | 14,992 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Option | $36.3 | 01/02/2014 |  | 14,992 | 02/24/2007 | | 02/24/2014 |  | $0 | | 14,992 |  | D |  |  |  |  |
|  | (Right to |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Stock |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Buy) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Employee |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Stock |  |  |  | M(4) |  |  |  |  | Common | 6,568 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Option | $39.02 | 01/02/2014 |  | 6,568 | 02/28/2008 | | 02/28/2015 |  | $0 | | 85,387 |  | D |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Stock |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | (Right to |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Buy) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Employee |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Stock |  |  |  | M(1)(4) |  |  |  |  | Common | 10,000 |  |  |  | 148,555(8) | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Option | $11.07 | 01/02/2014 |  | 10,000 | 02/24/2012 | | 02/24/2019 |  | $0 | | D |  |  |  |  |
|  | (Right to |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Stock |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Buy)

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on June 12, 2013.
2. Includes 8,196 shares acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
3. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from $48.36 - $48.97, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Principal Financial Group, Inc., any security holder of Principal Financial Group, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (3), (5), (6) and (7) to this Form 4.
4. Pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 7, 2013.
5. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from $48.38 - $49.03, inclusive.
6. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from $48.37 - $49.04, inclusive.
7. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from $48.37 - $48.97, inclusive.
8. Corrects prior mathematical error.

**Remarks:**

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| Patrick A. Kirchner, by Power | | | 01/03/2014 |
| of Attorney | |  |  |
|  |  | |  |
| \*\* Signature of Reporting Person | | | Date |

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