

SORENSEN NORMAN R

Form 4

December 20, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/16/2005

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

Sr. VP - International

711 HIGH STREET

(Street)

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)
Common Stock	12/16/2005		A	142	\$ 0 (1)	19,682 (2)	D
Common Stock					2,775	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock					149	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. 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. Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Units	(3)	12/16/2005		A		90	(4) (4)	Common Stock 90
Phantom Stock Units	(3)	12/16/2005		A		59.4	(5) (5)	Common Stock 59.4 \$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
SORENSEN NORMAN R 711 HIGH STREET DES MOINES, IA 50392	Sr. VP - International

Signatures

Joyce N. Hoffman, by Power of Attorney 12/20/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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(1) Grant of restricted stock units.

(2) Includes 2,312 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 reported performance units were acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group Long-Term Performance Plan. Units under the Plan will be settled in cash or stock within a five-year period from the date of vesting.

The reported 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 retirement or other termination of service.

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