

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**ZIMPLEMAN LARRY D**

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)  
**10/25/2013**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Chairman, President & CEO**

**DES MOINES, IA 50392**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	10/25/2013		M <sup>(1)</sup>		14,278	A	\$ 39.02
Common Stock	10/25/2013		S <sup>(1)</sup>		14,278	D	\$ 47.14
Common Stock	10/28/2013		M <sup>(1)</sup>		93,907	A	\$ 39.02
Common Stock	10/28/2013		S <sup>(1)</sup>		93,907	D	\$ 47.09

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 39.02	10/25/2013		M <sup>(1)</sup>	14,278	02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Common Stock	14,278
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 39.02	10/28/2013		M <sup>(1)</sup>	93,907	02/28/2008	02/28/2015	Common Stock	93,907

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ZIMPLEMAN LARRY D 711 HIGH STREET DES MOINES, IA 50392			Chairman, President & CEO	

## Signatures

Joyce N. Hoffman, by Power of Attorney  
10/29/2013

\*\*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).

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- (1) Pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on June 12, 2013.
- (2) Includes 9,079 shares acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$47.02

- (3) - \$47.93, 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) and (4) to this Form 4.
- (4) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$47.02 - \$47.21, inclusive.

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