

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 *
GERISIE MICHAEL H

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)
 05/15/2007

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President/CFO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2007 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 200 | D | \$ 61.16 |
| | | | | | | | 35,627 ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2007 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 100 | D | \$ 61.19 |
| | | | | | | | 35,527 ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2007 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 200 | D | \$ 61.2 |
| | | | | | | | 35,327 ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2007 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 800 | D | \$ 61.21 |
| | | | | | | | 34,527 ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2007 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 200 | D | \$ 61.28 |
| | | | | | | | 34,327 ⁽²⁾ |

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|--------------|------------|------------------|-----|---|----------|-----------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Common Stock | 05/15/2007 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 400 | D | \$ 61.34 | 33,927 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2007 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 100 | D | \$ 61.37 | 33,827 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2007 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 100 | D | \$ 61.38 | 33,727 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2007 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 100 | D | \$ 61.39 | 33,627 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2007 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 600 | D | \$ 61.42 | 33,027 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/15/2007 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 200 | D | \$ 61.48 | 32,827 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 3,085 ⁽³⁾ | I | By Spouse |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 460 | I | By 401(k) Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 183 | I | By Spouse's 401(k) Plan |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GERSIE MICHAEL H 711 HIGH STREET DES MOINES, IA 50392 | | | Executive Vice President/CFO | |

Signatures

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| Michael H. Gersie, Executive Vice President/CFO | 05/17/2007 |
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__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 10b5-1 plan adopted May 11, 2007.
- (2) Includes 3,310 shares acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Includes 1,724 shares acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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