

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC  
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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 \*  
**OKEEFE MARY A**

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)  
**03/12/2007**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Sr. VP & Chief Mktg. Off.**

**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	03/12/2007		M	2,222 A \$ 0	10,845 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	03/12/2007		D	2,222 D \$ 61.85	8,623 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					392	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock					211	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Phantom Stock Units	(2)	03/12/2007		A	158.5	(3) (3)	Common Stock	158.5
Performance Units	(2)	03/12/2007		M	2,222	(4) (4)	Common Stock	2,222

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OKEEFE MARY A 711 HIGH STREET DES MOINES, IA 50392			Sr. VP & Chief Mktg. Off.	

## Signatures

Joyce N. Hoffman, by Power of Attorney 03/14/2007

\*\*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) Includes 1,991 shares acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

The reported phantom stock units were acquired pursuant to the Principal Select Savings Excess Plan and may be transferred at any time

- (3) 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.

- (4) The reported performance units were acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group Long-Term Performance Plan. Units under the Plan vested and were settled in cash pursuant to an election made in December of 2000.

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