

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC  
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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 \*  
 MCCAUGHAN JAMES P

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)  
 02/03/2014

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 President - Global Asset Mgmt.

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  
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(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 or Price		
Common Stock	02/03/2014		M <sup>(1)</sup>		14,992 A \$ 36.3	207,661 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	02/03/2014		S <sup>(1)</sup>		14,992 D \$ 42.91 <sup>(3)</sup>	192,669 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	02/03/2014		M <sup>(4)</sup>		6,568 A \$ 39.02	199,237 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	02/03/2014		S <sup>(4)</sup>		6,568 D \$ 42.9 <sup>(5)</sup>	192,669 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	02/03/2014		M <sup>(1)</sup>		5,000 A \$ 11.07	197,669 <sup>(2)</sup>	D

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Common Stock	02/03/2014	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	5,000	D	\$ 42.91 <u>(6)</u>	192,669	<u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/03/2014	<u>M</u> <sup>(4)</sup>	5,000	A	\$ 11.07	197,669	<u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	02/03/2014	<u>S</u> <sup>(4)</sup>	5,000	D	\$ 42.91 <u>(7)</u>	192,669	<u>(2)</u>	D

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 36.3	02/03/2014		<u>M</u> <sup>(1)</sup>		14,992		02/24/2007 02/24/2014	Common Stock 14,992
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 39.02	02/03/2014		<u>M</u> <sup>(4)</sup>		6,568		02/28/2008 02/28/2015	Common Stock 6,568
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.07	02/03/2014		<u>M</u> <sup>(1)(4)</sup>		10,000		02/24/2012 02/24/2019	Common Stock 10,000

