

Steigerwalt Eric T
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FORM 4

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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 *
Steigerwalt Eric T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
METLIFE INC [MET]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
200 PARK AVENUE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/17/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
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NEW YORK, NY 10166

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/17/2012		M	7,800 A \$ 30.35	36,649	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2012		S ⁽¹⁾	7,800 D \$ 38.63	28,849	D	
Common Stock					1,247	I ⁽²⁾	By the Company's Savings & Investment Plan - 401(k)

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.35	02/17/2012		M	7,800	<u>(3)</u> 02/18/2012	Common Stock	7,800

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Steigerwalt Eric T 200 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10166			EVP - CFO	

Signatures

Richard S. Collins, authorized signer
Date: 02/21/2012

**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) This sale transaction is associated with the shares acquired from the exercise of stock options.
- (2) The reported holding reflects shares allocated to and indirectly held by the reporting person under the Savings and Investment Plan for Employees of Metropolitan Life and Participating Affiliates Trust.
- (3) The option vested in three equal installments on February 19, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

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