

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 \*  
**GRISWELL J BARRY**

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)  
 12/03/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman and CEO

DES MOINES, IA 50392

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/03/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		100	A	\$ 64.93
Common Stock	12/03/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		600	D	\$ 64.94
Common Stock	12/03/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		500	D	\$ 64.95
Common Stock	12/03/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		400	D	\$ 64.96
Common Stock	12/03/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,500	D	\$ 64.97

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Common Stock	12/03/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,700	D	\$ 64.98	183,189 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,200	D	\$ 64.99	181,989 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,200	D	\$ 65	180,789 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,300	D	\$ 65.01	179,489 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,100	D	\$ 65.02	178,389 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	490	D	\$ 65.03	177,899 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,513	D	\$ 65.04	176,386 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,777	D	\$ 65.05	174,609 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	121	D	\$ 65.06	174,488 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	680	D	\$ 65.07	173,808 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	199	D	\$ 65.08	173,609 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	800	D	\$ 65.09	172,809 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	500	D	\$ 65.1	172,309 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	900	D	\$ 65.12	171,409 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,493	D	\$ 65.13	169,916 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	500	D	\$ 65.14	169,416 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,000	D	\$ 65.15	168,416 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	766	D	\$ 65.16	167,650 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	200	D	\$ 65.17	167,450 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,441	D	\$ 65.18	166,009 <u>(2)</u>	D
	12/03/2007	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	600	D		165,409 <u>(2)</u>	D

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Common Stock					\$ 65.19			
Common Stock	12/03/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	20	D	\$ 65.2	165,389	(2)	D
Common Stock	12/03/2007	S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,600	D	\$ 65.43	163,789	(2)	D
Common Stock						392		I By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock						175		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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GRISWELL J BARRY 711 HIGH STREET DES MOINES, IA 50392	X		Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

Joyce N. Hoffman, by Power of Attorney  
12/05/2007

\_\_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) Pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan adopted December 15, 2006, as amended on August 7, 2007.
  - (2) Includes 3,306 shares acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

### Remarks:

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