

Lillis Terrance J.
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	
Lillis Terrance J.			PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC [PFG]		(Check all applicable)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)		<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
			12/31/2012		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
711 HIGH STREET			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		Senior Vice President & CFO	
(Street)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting	
DES MOINES, IA 50392					(check applicable line)	
					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person	
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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)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/10/2012	^	L ⁽¹⁾	355	A	\$ 27.92	37,617 ⁽²⁾	D	^
Common Stock	09/14/2012	^	G ⁽¹⁾	300	D	\$ 0	37,317 ⁽²⁾	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	39	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock	^	^	^	^	^	^	303	I	By Spouse

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Table with 10 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Price of Underlying Securities, 10. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities. Includes sub-columns for Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, and Amount or Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main sections: Reporting Owner Name / Address and Relationships. Relationships include Director, 10% Owner, Officer, and Other.

Signatures

Joyce N. Hoffman, by Power of Attorney, Date 02/14/2013

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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(1) Pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan adopted August 9, 2012.
(2) Includes 8,152 shares acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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