LAWLER JULIA M Form 4

July 27, 2010

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

LAWLER JULIA M

(First) (Middle)

711 HIGH STREET

(Last)

DES MOINES, IA 50392

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

Code

Symbol

INC [PFG]

07/23/2010

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

(Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

TransactionAcquired (A) or

4. Securities

(A)

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

5. Number Transactionof Code Derivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Sr VP & Ch Invst Officer

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(I)

(Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

SEC 1474

(9-02)

Indirect

Issuer

below)

Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Following

Reported

Owned

Beneficially

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Director

Applicable Line)

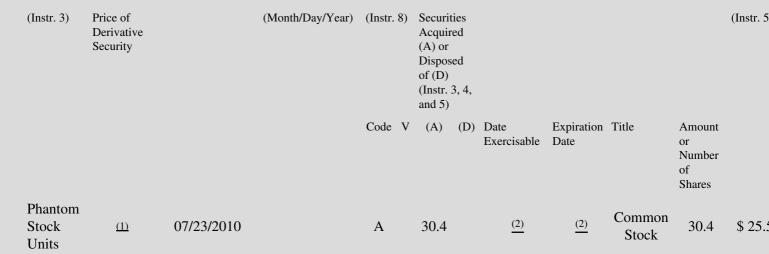
X_ Officer (give title

Estimated average

burden hours per

Derivat Security

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LAWLER JULIA M 711 HIGH STREET DES MOINES, IA 50392

Sr VP & Ch Invst Officer

Signatures

Joyce N. Hoffman, by Power of Attorney 07/27/2010

**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) 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 (2) 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.

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