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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Dunbar Timothy Mark			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC [PFG]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last) ((First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
711 HIGH STREET			02/23/2015	EVP & Chief Investment Officer			
2)	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DES MOINES, I	A 50392			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
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(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-De	erivative Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transactio	4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/23/2015		Code V A	Amount (D) Price $3,503$ A $\frac{\$ 0}{(1)}$	41,301 (2)	D	
Common Stock					114	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 or 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.33	02/23/2015		A	26,045	(3)	02/23/2025	Common Stock	26,045

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Dunbar Timothy Mark 711 HIGH STREET DES MOINES, IA 50392

EVP & Chief Investment Officer

Signatures

Patrick A. Kirchner, by Power of Attorney 02/25/2015

**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) Settlement of performance-based restricted stock units granted February 27, 2012.
- (2) Includes 4,479 shares acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning February 23, 2016.

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