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PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GRO	UP INC	
Form 8-K		
March 23, 2016		
SECURITIES AND EXCHANG Washington, D.C. 20549	E COMMISSION	
FORM 8-K		
CURRENT REPORT	C .1	
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of Securities Exchange Act of 1934	i the	
Securities Exeriange Net of 1934		
Date of Report: March 18, 2016		
(Date of earliest event reported)		
PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GRO	LIP INC	
(Exact name of registrant as spec	·	
Delaware	1-16725	42-1520346
(State or other jurisdiction	(Commission file number)	(I.R.S. Employer
of incorporation)		Identification Number)
711 High Street, Des Moines, Iov	wa 50392	
(Address of principal executive of		
(515) 247-5111		
(Registrant's telephone number,	including area code)	
Check the appropriate box below the registrant under any of the fo		nultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of
[] Written communications pur	rsuant to Rule 425 under the Securities A	Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

Larry D. Zimpleman, a director and chairman of the board of directors of Principal Financial Group, Inc. and its subsidiary Principal Life Insurance Company, has decided to decline to stand for re-election to the board when his current term expires at the conclusion of Principal Financial Group, Inc.'s annual meeting of shareholders on May 17, 2016. Mr. Zimpleman's decision is not the result of any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to its operations, policies or practices. The press release announcing Mr. Zimpleman's decision not to stand for re-election is included herewith as Exhibit 99.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99 Zimpleman Press Release

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Karen E. Shaff Name: Karen E. Shaff

Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel

and Secretary

Date: March 23, 2016