Dunbar Timothy Mark Form 4 November 20, 2017

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(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) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director X_ Officer (give title below)

Applicable Line)

Other (specify

10% Owner

711 HIGH STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

EVP & Chief Investment Officer

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

11/17/2017

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Person

DES MOINES, IA 50392

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

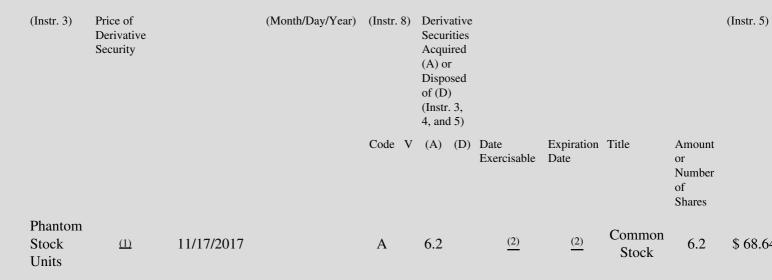
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Price o
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Derivativ
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Security

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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

11/20/2017

**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) The units convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

Acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Select Savings Excess Plan and may be transferred at any time into another investment alternative under that plan. Interests under the plan will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

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