

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Valdes Luis E.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC [PFG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) President-Principal Internat'l
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/25/2014	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
711 HIGH STREET  (Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
DES MOINES, IA 50392  (City)      (State)      (Zip)				

**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) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/25/2014		M <sup>(1)</sup>	V      A	27,783      \$ 27.46	79,707 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	11/25/2014		S <sup>(1)</sup>	V      D	27,783      \$ 54.02	51,924 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
					<sup>(3)</sup>		

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 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)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.46	11/25/2014		M <sup>(1)</sup>	27,783	02/27/2014 02/27/2022	Common Stock 27,783

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Valdes Luis E. 711 HIGH STREET DES MOINES, IA 50392			President-Principal Internat'l	

## Signatures

Patrick A. Kirchner, by Power of Attorney  
11/26/2014

\*\*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) Pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 1, 2014.

(2) Includes 7,589 shares acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$54.00 - \$54.07, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Principal Financial Group, Inc., any security holder of Principal Financial Group, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

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