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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TALLETT ELIZEBETH E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP

(Check all applicable)

INC [PFG]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

10/31/2008

below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 8)

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

(Instr. 4)

Person

DES MOINES, IA 50392

711 HIGH STREET

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

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

(Instr. 4)

Following

Reported Transaction(s)

(A) or

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

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

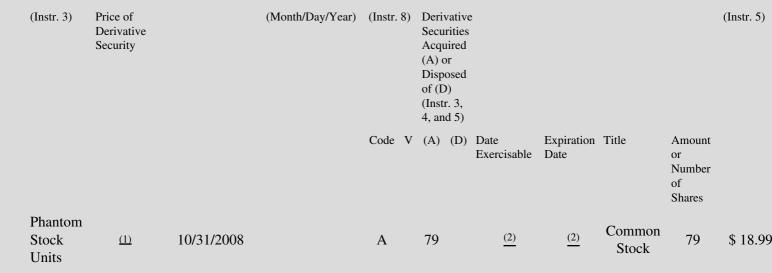
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Derivative
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				
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
TALLETT ELIZEBETH E 711 HIGH STREET DES MOINES, IA 50392	X				

Signatures

Joyce N. Hoffman, by Power of Attorney 11/03/2008

**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.
- (2) The reported phantom stock units were acquired pursuant to the Principal Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors and will be settled on the reporting person's retirement.

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