OKEEFE MARY A Form 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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2005 Estimated average

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

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Form 4 or

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* OKEEFE MARY A

(Street)

(First) (Middle)

711 HIGH STREET

DES MOINES, IA 50392

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC [PFG]

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

11/15/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

Sr. VP & Chief Mktg. Off. 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Director

X\_ Officer (give title

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(I)

(Instr. 4)

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

below)

Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Beneficially

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

Issuer

below)

(City) (State)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

4. Securities

Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

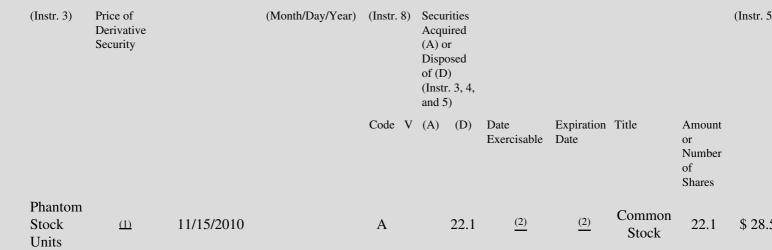
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#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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

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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

OKEEFE MARY A 711 HIGH STREET DES MOINES, IA 50392

Sr. VP & Chief Mktg. Off.

## **Signatures**

Joyce N. Hoffman, by Power of Attorney 11/17/2010

\*\*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) Security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- The reported phantom stock units were acquired pursuant to the Principal Select Savings Excess Plan and may be transferred at any time (2) into another investment alternative under the Plan. Interests under the Plan will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

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