

LAWLER JULIA M
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â LAWLER JULIA M		(Month/Day/Year)	PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC [PFG]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
711 HIGH STREET			(Check all applicable)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
DES MOINES,Â IAÂ 50392			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) SVP & Chief Risk Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	54,611 ⁽¹⁾	D	Â
Common Stock	1,228	I	By 401(k) Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/24/2017	02/24/2024	Common Stock	7,410	\$ 44.88	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	02/23/2025	Common Stock	7,540	\$ 51.33	D	Â
Phantom Stock Units	Â (3)	Â (3)	Common Stock	5,013.5	\$ (4)	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LAWLER JULIA M 711 HIGH STREET DES MOINES, IA 50392	Â	Â	Â SVP & Chief Risk Officer	Â

Signatures

Patrick A. Kirchner, by Power of Attorney
01/10/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Includes 433 shares acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

(2) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning February 23, 2016.

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.

(4) Security converts to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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