PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC

Form 5

February 14, 2003

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See Instruction 1(b).

_ Form 3 Holdings

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Add	2. Issuer Na: Principal F			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)								
(Last) 711 High Street		fiddle)	of Reporting Person,				4. Statement for Month/Year December 2002		Director			
Des Moines, IA	_			Date	Amendment, of Original hth/Year)	7. I (Ch X F Per	lations and Handividual or Juneck Applicab Form filed by Strom Form filed by	One Reporting More than One				
(City)	Table	I Non-D	erivative	Reporting Person sposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action Date	Zip) 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie	es Acquir d of (D) & 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal year (Instr. 3 & 4)	s I	6. Owner-	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial		
Common Stock							1,310	0 (1)	D			
Common Stock	5/20/02		I	1,353	A	\$29.57	1,5	581	I	By 401(k) Plan		
Common Stock							2	211	I	By Spouse		

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

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FORM 5 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2. Conver-	3.	3A.	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Number	10.	11. Nature
Derivativ	e sion or	Trans-	Deemed	Trans-	of	and Expiration	Amount of	Derivative	of	Owner-	of Indirect

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Security (Instr. 3)	Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Date (Month/	Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year)	Code (Instr.	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		Date (Month/Day/ Year)		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		Security (Instr. 5)	Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	Form	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)		Exer-cisable	Expira- tion Date		Amount or Number of Shares			(I) (Instr. 4)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$27.48	4/29/02		A	14,935		(2)		Common Stock	14,935		14,935	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Includes 452 shares acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) The option vests in three annual installments beginning on April 29, 2003.

By: /s/ Joyce N. Hoffman
Attorney-in-Fact

February 14, 2003

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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