### PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC

Form 4

February 27, 2003

### FORM 4

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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Add			me and Tic inancial G		P	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
Zimpleman, La (Last) 711 High Street	of Reporting Person,					tatement for nth/Day/Year oruary 25, 2003	1	Director				
			<u> </u>							Executive Vice President	2	
	(Street)							f Amendment,			Joint/Group Filing	
								e of Original		(Check Applicable Line)		
Des Moines, IA	50392						(Mo	onth/Day/Year)		-	y One Reporting	
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	<u> </u>						Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	Zip)		<b>able</b>	I Non-D	erivat	ive Sec	urities Acquired	, Dispose	ed of, or Bene	ficially Owned	
1. Title of	2. Trans-	2A. Deemed	3. Trans		<ol> <li>Securitie</li> </ol>			5. Amount of		6. Owner-	7. Nature of	
Security	action	Execution	action C	Code	(A) or Disp	posed o	of (D)	Securities		ship Form:	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)	Date	Date,	(Instr. 8	)	(Instr. 3, 4	& 5)		Beneficially		Direct (D)	Beneficial	
	(Month/ Day/	if any	Code	V	Amount	(A)	Price	Owned Follow-		or Indirect (I)	Ownership	
	Year)	(Month/Day/				or		ing Reported		(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
		Year)				(D)		Transactions(s)				
								(Instr. 3 & 4)				
Common Stock	2/25/03		A		1,897	A			<b>2,812</b> (1)	D		
Common Stock									4,304	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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### **FORM 4 (continued)** Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially **Owned**

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

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Derivative	sion or	Trans-	Deemed	Trans-	of	and Expiration	Amount of	Derivative	Derivative	Owner-	of Indirect		
Security	Exercise	action	Execution	action	Derivative	Date	Underlying	Security	Securities	ship	Beneficial		
	Price of	Date	Date,	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/	Securities	(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Form	Ownership		

<sup>\*</sup> If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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` /		(Month/ Day/	if any (Month/ Day/ Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		Year)		(Instr. 3 & 4)		Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
				Code	(A)		Date Exer-cisable	Expira- tion Date		Amount or Number of Shares			(I) (Instr. 4)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$27.57	2/25/03		A	72,530		(2)		Common Stock	72,530		72,530	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Includes 263 shares acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 25, 2004.

By: /s/ <u>Joyce N. Hoffman</u> Attorney-in-Fact **February 27, 2003** 

Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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