PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC Form 4 April 29, 2003

# FORM 4

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1. Name and Ad			me <b>and</b> Tic inancial G		6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s)							
Lamale, Ellen Z. (Last) (First) (Middle)							to Issuer (Check Director	all applicable)				
(Last) 711 High Street						. Statement for Ionth/Day/Year .pril 25, 2003	10% Owner   X Officer (give title below)   Other (specify below)					
							<u>Senior Vice Pr</u> Actuary	<u>Senior Vice President and Chief</u> Actuary				
	(Street)						5	. If Amendment,	7. Individual or	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing		
Des Moines, IA 50392								oate of Original Month/Day/Year)	(Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City) (State) (Zip)				able	I Non-E	)erivat	ive S	ecurities Acquired, Dis	Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	action	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/	action C	. Trans- ction Code (A) or Dis Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4		osed o		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially e Owned Follow- ing Reported	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
		Year)				(D)		Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)				

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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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1. Title of	2. Conver-	3. Trans-	3A.	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable	7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	11. Nature			
Derivative	sion or	action	Deemed	Trans-	Number	and Expiration	Amount of	Derivative	Derivative	Owner-	of Indirec			
Security	Exercise	Date	Execution	action	of	Date	Underlying	Security	Securities	ship	Beneficial			
	Price of		Date,	Code	Derivative	(Month/Day/	Securities	(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Form	Ownership			
(Instr. 3)	Derivative	(Month/	if any		Securities	Year)	(Instr. 3 & 4)		Owned	of Deriv-	(Instr. 4)			
	Security	Day/	(Month/	(Instr.	Acquired				Following	ative				
		Year)	Day/	8)	(A) or				Reported	Security:				
			Year)		Disposed				Transaction(s)	Direct				
					of (D)				(Instr. 4)	(D)				
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				(Instr. 3, 4 & 5)									or Indirect (I)	
			Code	v	(A)		Exer-cisable	Expira- tion Date		Amount or Number of Shares			(Instr. 4)	)
Phantom Stock Units	1-for-1	4/25/2003	<b>A</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		10.90		(2)	_	Common Stock	10.90	\$28.64	312.20	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Pursuant to 10b5-1 plan adopted February 21, 2002.

(2) The reported phantom stock units were acquired pursuant to the Principal Select Savings Excess Plan and may be transferred at any time 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.

By: /s/ Joyce N. Hoffman Attorney-in-Fact \*\*Signature of Reporting Person <u>April 29, 2003</u> Date

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