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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Common

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01/17/2019

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Friedrich Amy Christine Issuer Symbol PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP (Check all applicable) INC [PFG] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 711 HIGH STREET 01/17/2019 President - USIS (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting DES MOINES, IA 50392 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Ownership (Instr. 8) (D) or Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

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

Code V

 $M^{(1)}$

 $S^{(1)}$

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Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

 $26,082 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$

 $25,182^{(2)}$

2,114

(A)

(D)

Α

D

Price

11.07

\$49

Amount

900

900

(Instr. 4)

D

D

I

1

By 401(k)

Plan

(9-02)

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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Numbonof Derivative Securitie Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)	ve es d	6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)))	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.07	01/17/2019		M(1)	90	00	02/24/2012	02/24/2019	Common Stock	900

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Friedrich Amy Christine 711 HIGH STREET DES MOINES, IA 50392

President - USIS

Signatures

Patrick A. Kirchner, by Power of Attorney 01/18/2019

**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) Pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on October 31, 2018.
- (2) Includes 5,063 shares acquired pursuant to the Principal Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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