

GRISWELL J BARRY
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GRISWELL J BARRY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC [PFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
711 HIGH STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/15/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, President/CEO

DES MOINES, IA 50392

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/15/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		1,000	D	\$ 49.87
Common Stock	12/15/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		400	D	\$ 49.88
Common Stock	12/15/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		1,500	D	\$ 49.89
Common Stock	12/15/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		1,500	D	\$ 49.9
Common Stock	12/15/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		400	D	\$ 49.91

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Common Stock	12/15/2005	S ⁽¹⁾	200	D	\$ 49.92	122,492 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005	S ⁽¹⁾	200	D	\$ 49.94	122,292 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005	S ⁽¹⁾	1,300	D	\$ 49.95	120,992 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005	S ⁽¹⁾	1,500	D	\$ 49.96	119,492 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005	S ⁽¹⁾	700	D	\$ 49.97	118,792 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005	S ⁽¹⁾	2,200	D	\$ 49.98	116,592 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005	S ⁽¹⁾	6,600	D	\$ 49.99	109,992 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005	S ⁽¹⁾	3,900	D	\$ 50	106,092 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005	S ⁽¹⁾	1,700	D	\$ 50.01	104,392 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2005	S ⁽¹⁾	500	D	\$ 50.02	103,892 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2005	M ⁽¹⁾	54,260	A	\$ 27.48	158,152 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2005	S ⁽¹⁾	19,014	D	\$ 49.79	139,138 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock						378	I	By 401(k) Plan
Common Stock						175	I	By Spouse

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

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo
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