PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC Form SC 13G/A February 14, 2007 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549 SCHEDULE 13G Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 5) Principal Financial Group (Name of Issuer) Common Stock, \$0.01 Par (Title of Class of Securities) 74251V 10 2 (CUSIP Number) Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement [ ]. CUSIP No. 74251V 10 2 13G Page 2 of 6 Pages 1 Name of Reporting Person S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of above person Northern Trust Corporation 36-2723087 The Northern Trust Company 36-1561860 Northern Trust, NA 36-3190871 Northern Trust Bank, FSB 38-3424562 Northern Trust Investments, N.A. Northern Trust Company of Connecticut 36-3608252 06-6275604 Northern Trust Global Investments (Europe) Ltd 6807764922343A00 2 Check the appropriate box if a member of a group Not Applicable (a) (b)

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S.E.C. use only
 4
Citizenship or place of organization
        Northern Trust Corporation--a Delaware corporation with principal offices
in Chicago, Illinois
Number of Shares Beneficially owned by Each Reporting Person With
 5
Sole Voting Power
       15,823,425
  6
Shared Voting Power
       1,598,259
 7
Sole Dispositive Power
       16,885,417
 8
Shared Dispositive Power
        635,989
  9
Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person
       17,562,981
10
Check box if the aggregate amount in Row (9) excludes certain shares.
       Not Applicable
11
Percent of class represented by amount in Row 9
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6.51

12 Type of reporting person Northern Trust Corporation HC SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549 SCHEDULE 13G UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Check the following box if a fee is being paid with statement [ ]. 1. Principal Financial Group (a) (Name of Issuer) (b) 711 High Street, Des Moines, IA 50392 (Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Office) 2. (a) Northern Trust Corporation (Name of Person Filing) 50 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60675 (b) (Address of Person Filing) (C) U.S. (Delaware Corporation) (Citizenship) Common Stock, \$0.01 Par (d) (Title of Class of Securities) 74251V 10 2 (e) (CUSIP Number) 3. This statement is being filed by Northern Trust Corporation as a Parent Holding Company in accordance with S240.13d-1(b) (1) (ii) (G). 17,562,981 4. (a) (Amount Beneficially Owned) 6.51 (b) (Percent of Class) (C) Number of shares as to which such person has: 15,823,425 (i) (Sole Power to Vote or to Direct the Vote) (ii) 1,598,259 (Shared Power to Vote or to Direct the Vote) (iii) 16,885,417 (Sole Power to Dispose or Direct Disposition)

> (iv) 635,989 (Shared Power to Dispose or Direct Disposition)

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5. If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following: []

6. Statement regarding ownership of 5 percent or more on behalf of another person:

7. Parent Holding Company reporting on behalf of the following subsidiaries, all of which are banks as defined in Section 3(a) (6) of the Act:

The Northern Trust Company 50 South LaSalle Street Chicago, IL 60675

Northern Trust N.A. 700 Brickell Avenue Miami, FL 33131

Northern Trust Bank, FSB 10 West Long Lake Road Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304

Northern Trust Investments, N.A. 50 South LaSalle Street Chicago, IL 60675

Northern Trust Company of Connecticut 300 Atlantic Street, Suite 400 Stamford, CT 06901

Northern Trust Global Investments Europe Ltd 6 Devonshire Square, London, UK EC2M 4YE

8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable.

9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable.

10. By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

By: Orie L. Dudley

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DATED: 02-08-2007 Title:Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer

EXHIBIT TO SCHEDULE 13G AMENDMENT FILED BY NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION Securities and Exchange Commission 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20549-1004 Attention: Filing Desk, Stop 1-4 RE: Principal Financial Group

Pursuant to the requirement of 240.13d-1(k) (1) (iii), this exhibit shall constitute our written agreement that the Schedule 13G to which this exhibit is attached is filed on behalf of Northern Trust Corporation and of its subsidiary(ies), as stated below, regarding our respective beneficial ownership in the above-captioned equity security.

NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION

By: Orie L. Dudley DATED: 02-08-2007 Title:Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer

The NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY NORTHERN TRUST INVESTMENTS, N.A. NORTHERN TRUST GLOBAL INVESTMENTS EUROPE LTD

By: Orie L. Dudley Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer

NORTHERN TRUST NA

By: Quentin C. Johnson As its Authorized Representative

NORTHERN TRUST BANK, FSB

By: Brian J. Hofmann As its Authorized Representative

NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY OF CONNECTICUT

By: Trista D Simoncek As its Vice President