

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6047(e), 6057(b), and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). <p style="text-align: center;">▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p>	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">2014</div> This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2014 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2014</u> and ending <u>12/31/2014</u>	
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan; ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions); or ☒ a single-employer plan; ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report; ☐ the final return/report; ☐ an amended return/report; ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months).
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	☐
D Check box if filing under:	☒ Form 5558; ☐ automatic extension; ☐ the DFVC program; ☐ special extension (enter description)

Part II	Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information				
1a Name of plan <u>THE PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"><u>003</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1985</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>003</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1985</u>	
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2a Plan sponsor's name and address; include room or suite number (employer, if for a single-employer plan) <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u> <u>711 HIGH ST</u> <u>DES MOINES, IA 50392-1200</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>42-0127290</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>800-986-3343</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>524140</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="height: 40px;"></td> </tr> </table>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>42-0127290</u>	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>800-986-3343</u>	2d Business code (see instructions) <u>524140</u>	
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Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/13/2015	PAUL FROMM
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/14/2015	TAMMY DEHAAI
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE
Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number) (optional)			Preparer's telephone number (optional)

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor BENEFIT PLANS ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE 711 HIGH ST DES MOINES, IA 50392-1200		3b Administrator's EIN 27-3605376	
		3c Administrator's telephone number 866-524-6947	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name		4b EIN 4c PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5	13632
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d).			
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year		6a(1)	9836
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	9855
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits		6b	38
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....		6c	3699
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	13592
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	56
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	13648
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g	13367
h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....		6h	187
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....		7	
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2O 2S 2T 3F 3H			
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:			
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)			
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☒ <u>2</u> A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)	

Part III**Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)**

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2014 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2014 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

<div><div><div>SCHEDULE A</div><div>(Form 5500)</div><div>Department of the Treasury</div><div>Internal Revenue Service</div></div><div><div>Department of Labor</div><div>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div><div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div></div></div>	<div>Insurance Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> <div>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</div>	<div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2014</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div>
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<div>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500</div> <div>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</div>	<div>D Employer Identification Number (EIN)</div> <div>42-0127290</div>	

Part I	<div>Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions</div> <div>Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.</div>
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1 Coverage Information:

<div>(a) Name of insurance carrier</div> <div>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</div>
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(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
42-0127290	61271	366776	13648	01/01/2014	12/31/2014

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.
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(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
0	0

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end.....	4	35392554
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	1671868501

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier.....	6b	
c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....	6c	
d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity
(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ FLEXIBLE INVESTMENT ANNUITY

b Balance at the end of the previous year.....	7b	39343315
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c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year.....	7c(1)	1246225	
(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)		
(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	384147	
(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4)	775954	
(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	309949	
▶ LOAN PAYMENT, ROLLOVER, PLAN TRANSFER			

(6) Total additions.....	7c(6)	2716275
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d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	42059590
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e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	2695144	
(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	57924	
(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3)	3134887	
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	310029	
▶ LOAN WITHDRAWAL, PLAN TRANSFER, MISTAKE OF FACT REFUND			

(5) Total deductions.....	7e(5)	6197984
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f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	35861606
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Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f ☐ Long-term disability
 g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
 h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
 j ☐ HMO contract
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 l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received.....	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves.....	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2))		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees.....	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses.....	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.).....		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.....	10b	

Specify nature of costs ▶

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

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				(f) From	(g) To
42-0127290	61271	411365	54	01/01/2014	12/31/2014

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.
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(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
0	0

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end.....	4	2707
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	1952727

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier.....	6b	
c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....	6c	
d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity
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b Balance at the end of the previous year.....	7b	2901
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c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year.....	7c(1)		
(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)		
(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	10	
(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4)		
(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)		
▶			

(6) Total additions.....	7c(6)	10
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d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	2911
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e Deductions:			
(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	101	
(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	4	
(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3)		
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)		
▶			

(5) Total deductions.....	7e(5)	105
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f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	2806
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9 Experience-rated contracts:

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(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
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(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2))		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees.....	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses.....	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.).....		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.....	10b	

Specify nature of costs ▶

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☒ Yes ☐ No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13 50 64 37	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	379657	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
26 70	INVESTMENT ADVISORY	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3 If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
IBBOTSON ASSOCIATES INC.	26 70	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	8 BASIS POINTS ON ASSETS MANAGED BY IBBOTSON	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

Part III **Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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a Name:	b EIN:
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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2014 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2014 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2014 and ending 12/31/2014

A Name of plan <u>THE PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	<u>003</u>
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>42-0127290</u>	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN MIDCAP SEP ACCT-I3</u>			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>			
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-020</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>150871028</u>	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN GOVT&HQBND SEP ACCT-I2</u>			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>			
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-007</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>23792658</u>	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN INTL EM MKT SEP ACCT-I5</u>			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>			
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-013</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>82452554</u>	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN LGCAP VALUE SEP ACCT-I2</u>			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>			
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-019</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>33330992</u>	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN LGCAP GROWTH SEP ACCT-I5</u>			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>			
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-018</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>72948747</u>	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN U.S. PROPERTY SA-I5</u>			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>			
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-027</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>152603679</u>	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN BOND AND MTGE SA-I5</u>			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>			
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-005</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>93340953</u>	

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN DIV INTL SA-I5			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-015	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 122800022	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LGCAP S&P 500 INDEX SA-I5			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-016	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 236253828	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SMCAP S&P 600 INDEX SA-I5			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-028	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 123671967	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN MIDCAP GROWTH III SA-I2			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-026	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SMALLCAP GROWTH I SA-I2			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-070	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 52084885	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LARGE CAP GROWTH I SA-I2			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-066	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 36043731	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETM 2010 SEP ACCT-I3			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-075	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 11577088	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETM 2020 SEP ACCT-I3			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-076	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 72431147	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETM 2030 SEP ACCT-I3			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-077	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 120914092	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETM 2040 SEP ACCT-I3			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
c EIN-PN 42-0127290-078	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 95284560	

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETM 2050 SEP ACCT-I3**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-079	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 58130579
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETM STR INC SA-I3**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-080	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 11882945
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN FIN GRP, INC. STK SA-I2**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-086	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 13517787
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SMALLCAP VALUE II SA-I2**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-096	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 23748725
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN INFLATION PROT SA-I2**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-099	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 13400778
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN EQUITY INCOME SA-I3**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-120	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 69368766
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS SVF**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-131	d Entity code M	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 74876505
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETM 2060 SEP ACCT-I3**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-130	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3369717
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2014 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
For calendar plan year 2014 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2014</u> and ending <u>12/31/2014</u>		
A Name of plan <u>THE PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES</u>		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► <u>003</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>42-0127290</u>

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement	
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.		
	Assets	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> (a) Beginning of Year (b) End of Year </div>
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
(1) Employer contributions.....	1b(1)	2013
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)	3296
(3) Other.....	1b(3)	3733
c General investments:		
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	1c(1)	
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	
(B) Common.....	1c(4)(B)	
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property).....	1c(6)	
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	
(8) Participant loans.....	1c(8)	21550942
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	1528671002
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	76889286
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities.....	1c(12)	
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	1c(13)	
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	38820839
(15) Other.....	1c(15)	

1d Employer-related investments:

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	103314989	105742348
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	1769256100	1912294410

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	
h Operating payables	1h	0	
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	
j Other liabilities	1j	0	
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	1769256100	1912294410
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	38149117	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	69552012	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	5445590	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		113146719
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	1095266	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	384157	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		1479423
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	2690784	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	0	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		2690784
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	34356329	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	33993284	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		363045
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	5628232	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		5628232

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		113888024
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		1263157
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		0
c Other income.....	2c		70159
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		238529543

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	94209433	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other.....	2e(3)	69324	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		94278757
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		3861
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		-40
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	379657	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)	0	
(4) Other.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		379657
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		94662235

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		143867308
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		1763237
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		2592235

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unqualified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: ERNST & YOUNG, LLP

(2) EIN: 34-6565596

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

- a** Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.).....
- b** Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.).....

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	0
4b		X	0

	Yes	No	Amount
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	0
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.).....		X	0
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		50000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	0
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?.....		X	0
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?.....		X	0
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?.....		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	X		
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	X		

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?
 If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year..... ☐ Yes ☒ No Amount:

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)
THE PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS PLAN FOR INDIVIDUAL FIELD	42-0127290	004

5c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

Part V Trust Information (optional)

6a Name of trust	6b Trust's EIN

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2014 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2014 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2014 and ending 12/31/2014

A Name of plan <u>THE PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>003</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>42-0127290</u>

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	<u>0</u>
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): <u>42-0127290</u>		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?.....	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived).....	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?.....	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?.....	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☒ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☒ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.).....	☐ Yes	☒ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☒ No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

- 14** Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	14b	
c The second preceding plan year	14c	

- 15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	

- 16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	

- 17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

- 18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

- 19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

- a** Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%
- b** Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more
- c** What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL
SCHEDULE

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees
December 31, 2014 and 2013 and for the year ended December 31, 2014
With Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2014 and 2013 and Year Ended December 31, 2014

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Report of Independent Auditors

The Benefit Plans Administration Committee
Principal Life Insurance Company

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees, which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees at December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2014, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Supplemental Schedule

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2014 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Ernst & Young LLP

June 23, 2015

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31,	
	2014	2013
Assets		
Investments at fair value:		
Unallocated investment options:		
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 35,395,260	\$ 38,820,839
Separate accounts	1,673,821,228	1,528,671,002
Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP	105,742,348	103,314,989
Plan interest in Principal Select Savings Stable Value Master Trust	74,876,505	76,889,286
Total invested assets at fair value	<u>1,889,835,341</u>	<u>1,747,696,116</u>
Receivables:		
Contributions receivable from employer	1,891	2,013
Contributions receivable from participants	25	3,296
Notes receivable from participants	22,454,302	21,550,942
Other receivables	2,851	3,733
Total receivables	<u>22,459,069</u>	<u>21,559,984</u>
Net assets reflecting investments at fair value	<u>1,912,294,410</u>	<u>1,769,256,100</u>
Adjustments from fair value to contract value for a fully benefit-responsive investment contract	(20,421)	459,315
Net assets available for benefits	<u><u>\$ 1,912,273,989</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,769,715,415</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2014
Additions	
Investment income:	
Interest	\$ 384,157
Dividends	2,690,784
Net appreciation of investments	119,935,527
Interest in Principal Select Savings Stable Value Master Trust	783,421
Total investment income	<u>123,793,889</u>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	1,095,266
Contributions:	
Employer	38,149,117
Participants	74,997,602
Total contributions	<u>113,146,719</u>
Total additions	<u>238,035,874</u>
Deductions	
Benefits paid to participants	94,282,578
Transfers to affiliated and unaffiliated plans, net	828,998
Administrative expenses	365,724
Total deductions	<u>95,477,300</u>
Net increase	142,558,574
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	<u>1,769,715,415</u>
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	<u><u>\$ 1,912,273,989</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2014

1. Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accounting records of The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees (the Plan) are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting.

Valuation of Investments and Income Recognition

The unallocated investment options consist of guaranteed interest accounts under a guaranteed benefit policy (as defined in section 401(b) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA)) and separate accounts (as defined in ERISA section 3(17)) of Principal Life Insurance Company (Principal Life). The guaranteed interest accounts and separate accounts are reported at fair value as determined by Principal Life.

These unallocated investment options are non-benefit-responsive. The guaranteed interest account's fair value is the amount Plan participants would receive currently if they were to withdraw or transfer funds within the Plan prior to their maturity for an event other than death, disability, termination, or retirement. This fair value represents guaranteed interest account values adjusted to reflect current market interest rates only to the extent such market rates exceed contract crediting rates. This value represents contributions allocated to the guaranteed interest accounts, plus interest at the contractually guaranteed rate, less funds used to pay Plan benefits and Principal Life's administrative expenses. The separate account assets include, but are not limited to, contributions invested in domestic and international common stocks, high-quality short-term debt securities, real estate, private market bonds and mortgages, and high-yield fixed-income securities that are slightly below investment grade, all of which are valued at fair value.

The Principal Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP), which consists of common stock of Principal Financial Group, Inc., the ultimate parent of Principal Life, is reported at fair value based on the quoted closing market price of its stock on the last business day of the Plan year.

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The Principal Select Savings Stable Value Master Trust (Master Trust) invests in a Short Term Investment Fund (STIF) and the Morley Stable Income Bond Fund (Bond Fund), which is a collective investment trust that invests in investment-grade fixed-income securities. The Bond Fund is maintained by Union Bond & Trust Company, an affiliate of Principal Life. The Master Trust has also entered into a fully benefit-responsive synthetic guaranteed investment contract (synthetic GIC) with Principal Life (the Contract). The STIF, Bond Fund, and Contract together are the holdings of the Stable Value Fund (Fund). The Fund is valued at contract value as reported to the Plan by Morley Financial Services, the investment manager of the Bond Fund and an affiliate of Principal Life.

Because the Contract is fully benefit-responsive, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to the Contract. The contract value represents contributions plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and Contract expenses.

The Contract provides a crediting rate that amortizes portfolio gains and losses over time and accounts for benefit payments to Plan participants at contract value. Under the Contract, Principal Life agrees to pay any deficiency if the investments in the Bond Fund have been exhausted for benefit payments and the contract value is greater than zero. The objective of the Fund is to preserve capital and smooth the returns credited to Plan participants.

As required by Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 962, *Plan Accounting – Defined Contribution Pension Plans*, the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits present the fair value of the investment in the Master Trust, as well as the adjustment of the investment in the Master Trust from fair value to contract value relating to the synthetic GICs. The Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits is prepared on a contract value basis.

Interest income is recorded as earned. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable From Participants

The notes receivable from participants are reported at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when earned.

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market volatility, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) requires management to make estimates that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes and supplemental schedule. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. Description of the Plan

The Plan is a defined contribution plan (401(k) plan) that was established January 1, 1985. The Plan is available to substantially all employees of Principal Life and its subsidiaries (the Company).

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

2. Description of the Plan (continued)

Information about the Plan, including eligibility, and benefit provisions is contained in the Summary Plan Description. Copies of the Summary Plan Description are available from the Company's Benefit Administration Department or the Company's Intranet. The Plan is subject to the provisions of ERISA.

The Plan Administrator is responsible for the control and administration of the Plan. The Plan Administrator is the Benefit Plans Administration Committee (BPAC). For the purposes of investment and protection of Plan assets, the named fiduciary of the Plan is the Benefit Plans Investment Committee. The Plan is funded through a trust fund which holds group annuity contracts issued by Principal Life. A separate trust holds PFG, Inc. common stock that is in the ESOP. The Trustees of the Trust that hold the group annuity contracts are employees of Principal Life. The Trustee of the Trust that holds PFG, Inc. common stock that is in the ESOP is Bankers Trust. Principal Life is the recordkeeper of the Plan.

Contributions

On January 1, 2006, the Company made several changes to the retirement program. Participants who were age 47 or older with at least ten years of service on December 31, 2005, could elect to retain the prior benefit provisions under the qualified defined benefit retirement plan and the Plan and forgo receipt of the additional benefits offered by amendments to the Plan. The participants who elected to retain the prior benefit provisions are referred to as "Grandfathered Choice Participants."

Matching contributions for participants other than Grandfathered Choice Participants were increased from 50% to 75% of deferrals, with the maximum matching deferral increasing from 6% to 8% of eligible pay-period compensation.

Vesting

Participants are eligible for immediate entry into the Plan with vesting at 100% after three years. The funds accumulate along with interest and investment return and are available for withdrawal by participants at retirement, termination, or when certain withdrawal specifications are met. The participants may also obtain loans of their vested accrued benefit, subject to certain limitations described in the document governing (the Plan Document). The federal and state income taxes of the participant are deferred (except in the case of Roth deferrals) on the contributions until the funds are withdrawn from the Plan.

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

2. Description of the Plan (continued)

Forfeitures

Upon termination of employment, participants forfeit their non-vested balances. Forfeited amounts are used to reduce Company contributions. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, forfeited non-vested account balances totaled \$16,718 and \$41,073, respectively. In 2014 and 2013, employer contributions were reduced by \$1,676,131 and \$945,715, respectively, from forfeited non-vested accounts.

Participant Loans

The Plan provides for loans to active participants, which are considered a participant-directed investment of his/her account. The loan is a Plan asset, but only the borrowing participant's account shares in the interest paid on the loan or bears any expense or loss incurred because of the loan. The rate of interest is 2% higher than the Federal Reserve "Bank Prime Loan" rate at the time of the loan. The rate is set the day a loan is approved. The rate for the loans issued in 2014 and 2013 was 5.25%.

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event the Plan terminates, affected participants will become fully vested in their accounts.

3. Income Tax Status

The Plan has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service (the IRS) dated July 9, 2012, stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Subsequent to this determination by the IRS, the Plan was amended and restated. The Plan is required to operate in conformity with the terms of the Plan Document and the Code to maintain its qualification. BPAC and the Company intend to operate the Plan in conformity with the provisions of the Plan Document and the Code. BPAC and the Company acknowledge that inadvertent errors may occur in the operation of the Plan. If such inadvertent errors occur, BPAC and the Company represent that they will take the necessary steps to bring the Plan's operations into compliance with the Code, including voluntarily and timely correcting such errors in accordance with procedures established by the IRS.

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

3. Income Tax Status (continued)

Plan management is required to evaluate uncertain tax positions taken by the Plan. The financial statement effects of an uncertain tax position are recognized when the position is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, to be sustained upon examination by the IRS. BPAC has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of December 31, 2014, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken. The Plan has recognized no interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions.

The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions. BPAC believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2011.

4. Investments (excluding interest in Master Trust)

Contributions are invested in unallocated guaranteed interest accounts supported by the general account of Principal Life (a pooled account invested primarily in fixed income securities having a range of maturities); in separate accounts of Principal Life, the portfolios of which are primarily invested in domestic and international common stocks, high-quality short-term debt securities, real estate, private market bonds and mortgages, and high-yield fixed-income securities that are slightly below investment grade, as appropriate for each separate account; and the ESOP. Participants elect the investment(s) in which to have their contributions and match invested.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

4. Investments (excluding interest in Master Trust) (continued)

The following presents individual investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets available for benefits as of the end of the Plan year 2014 and 2013. Principal Life is a party-in-interest with respect to these investments.

	December 31,	
	2014	2013
Large-Cap Stock Index Separate Account	\$ 236,253,828	\$ 203,854,758
U.S. Property Separate Account	152,603,679	125,718,051
Mid-Cap Separate Account	150,871,028	129,597,817
Small-Cap Stock Index Separate Account	123,671,967	124,827,278
Diversified International Separate Account	122,800,022	126,280,759
Lifetime 2030 Separate Account	120,914,092	*
Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP	105,742,348	103,314,989

*Less than 5% of the fair value of net assets available for benefits at respective date.

During 2014 and 2013, the Plan's investments that are related to Principal Life appreciated in value by \$119,935,527 and \$324,881,642, respectively, as follows:

	For the Year Ended December 31,	
	2014	2013
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 56,226	\$ (416,411)
Separate accounts of insurance company	113,888,024	279,123,418
Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP	5,991,277	46,174,635
	<u>\$ 119,935,527</u>	<u>\$ 324,881,642</u>

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (excluding interest in Master Trust)

Valuation Hierarchy

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price). The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels.

- Level 1 – Fair values are based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Our Level 1 assets include the Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP.
- Level 2– Fair values are based on inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable for the asset, either directly or indirectly. Our Level 2 assets are separate accounts and are reflected at the net asset value (NAV) price.
- Level 3 – Fair values are based on significant unobservable inputs for the asset. Our Level 3 assets are guaranteed interest accounts.

Transfers between fair value hierarchy levels are recognized at the beginning of the reporting period. There were no transfers between levels during 2014 and 2013.

Determination of Fair Value

The following discussion describes the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis. The techniques utilized in estimating the fair values of financial instruments are reliant on the assumptions used. Care should be exercised in deriving conclusions based on the fair value information of financial instruments presented below.

Fair value estimates are made at a specific point in time, based on available market information and judgments about the financial instrument. Such estimates do not consider the tax impact of the realization of unrealized gains or losses. In addition, the disclosed fair value may not be realized in the immediate settlement of the financial instrument. There were no significant changes to the valuation processes during 2014.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (excluding interest in Master Trust) (continued)

Guaranteed Interest Accounts

The guaranteed interest accounts cannot be sold to a third party; thus, the only option to exit the guaranteed interest accounts is to withdraw the funds prior to maturity. The fair value of the account is the value paid when funds are withdrawn prior to their maturity. The fair value of the guaranteed interest accounts is reflected in Level 3, and the valuation is based on the applicable interest rate. If the applicable interest rate is greater than the interest rate on the account, the fair value is the contract value reduced by a percentage. This percentage is equal to the difference between the applicable interest rate and the interest rate on the account, multiplied by the number of years (including fractional parts of a year) until the maturity date. If the applicable interest rate is equal to or less than the interest rate on the account, the fair value is equal to the contract value.

Separate Accounts

This category is designed to deliver safety and stability by preserving principal and accumulating earnings. The NAV of each of the separate accounts is calculated in a manner consistent with GAAP for investment companies and is determinative of their fair value and represents the price at which the Plan would be able to initiate a transaction. As of December 31, 2014, all separate accounts are reflected in Level 2. Several of the separate accounts invest in publicly quoted mutual funds or exchange-traded equity securities. Some of the separate accounts also invest in fixed income securities. The fair value of the underlying funds and securities is used to determine the NAV of the separate account, which is not publicly quoted. The fair value of the underlying mutual funds and equity securities are based on quoted prices of identical assets. The fair value of the underlying fixed income securities are based on third-party pricing vendors that utilize observable market information.

One separate account invests in real estate. The fair value of the underlying real estate is estimated using discounted cash flow valuation models that utilize public real estate market data inputs such as transaction prices, market rents, vacancy levels, leasing absorption, market cap rates, and discount rates. In addition, each property is appraised annually by an independent appraiser. The fair value of the separate account is based on NAV and is considered a Level 2 asset.

There are currently no redemption restrictions on these investments.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (excluding interest in Master Trust) (continued)

Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP

The ESOP is reported at the quoted closing market price of the common stock of Principal Financial Group, Inc. on the last business day of the Plan year and is reflected in Level 1.

Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below.

	As of December 31, 2014			
	Assets Measured at		Fair Value Hierarchy Level	
	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets				
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 35,395,260	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 35,395,260
Separate accounts:				
Fixed-income security	130,534,389	—	130,534,389	—
Lifetime balanced asset allocation	373,590,128	—	373,590,128	—
Large U.S. equity	447,946,064	—	447,946,064	—
Small/mid U.S. equity	350,376,605	—	350,376,605	—
International equity	205,252,576	—	205,252,576	—
U.S. real estate	152,603,679	—	152,603,679	—
Other	13,517,787	—	13,517,787	—
Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP	105,742,348	105,742,348	—	—
Total invested assets, excluding Plan interest in Master Trust	<u>\$ 1,814,958,836</u>	<u>\$ 105,742,348</u>	<u>\$ 1,673,821,228</u>	<u>\$ 35,395,260</u>
As of December 31, 2013				
	Assets Measured at		Fair Value Hierarchy Level	
	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets				
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 38,820,839	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 38,820,839
Separate accounts:				
Fixed-income security	117,975,576	—	117,975,576	—
Lifetime balanced asset allocation	288,741,894	—	288,741,894	—
Large U.S. equity	388,229,649	—	388,229,649	—
Small/mid U.S. equity	382,169,608	—	382,169,608	—
International equity	212,227,505	—	212,227,505	—
U.S. real estate	125,718,051	—	125,718,051	—
Other	13,608,719	—	13,608,719	—
Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP	103,314,989	103,314,989	—	—
Total invested assets, excluding Plan interest in Master Trust	<u>\$ 1,670,806,830</u>	<u>\$ 103,314,989</u>	<u>\$ 1,528,671,002</u>	<u>\$ 38,820,839</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (excluding interest in Master Trust) (continued)

Changes in Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The reconciliation for all assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, are as follows:

For the year ended December 31, 2014							Changes in Unrealized Gains (Losses) Included in Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Relating to Positions Still Held
Beginning Asset Balance as of January 1, 2014	Interest*	Purchases**	Sales**	Transfers in (Out) of Level 3	Ending Asset Balance as of December 31, 2014		
Assets							
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 38,820,839	\$ 440,363	\$ 10,000,638	\$ (13,866,580)	\$ –	\$ 35,395,260	\$ 56,226
Total	\$ 38,820,839	\$ 440,363	\$ 10,000,638	\$ (13,866,580)	\$ –	\$ 35,395,260	\$ 56,226

For the year ended December 31, 2013							Changes in Unrealized Gains (Losses) Included in Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Relating to Positions Still Held
Beginning Asset Balance as of January 1, 2013	Interest*	Purchases**	Sales**	Transfers in (Out) of Level 3	Ending Asset Balance as of December 31, 2013		
Assets							
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 43,353,909	\$ 51,906	\$ 14,374,126	\$ (18,959,102)	\$ –	\$ 38,820,839	\$ (416,411)
Total	\$ 43,353,909	\$ 51,906	\$ 14,374,126	\$ (18,959,102)	\$ –	\$ 38,820,839	\$ (416,411)

*Includes interest and unrealized gains or losses.

** Includes contributions, transfers from affiliated and unaffiliated plans, transfers to other investments via participant election, benefits paid to participants, and administrative expenses.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

5. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (excluding interest in Master Trust) (continued)

Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The following table provides quantitative information about the significant unobservable inputs used for recurring fair value measurements categorized within Level 3.

		As of December 31, 2014		
Assets	Assets measured at fair value	Valuation technique(s)	Unobservable input description	Input/range of inputs
Guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 35,395,260	See note (1)	Interest rate on account	0.05% – 4.58%
			Applicable interest rate	0.72% – 2.31%
			Maturity date	12/31/2014 – 12/31/2020

- (1) If the applicable interest rate is equal to or less than the interest rate on the account, the fair market value is equal to the contract value.

If the applicable interest rate is greater than the interest rate on the account, the fair market value is the contract value reduced by a percentage. This percentage is equal to the difference between the applicable interest rate and the interest rate on the account, multiplied by the number of years (including fractional parts of a year) until the maturity date.

6. Interest in Principal Select Savings Stable Value Master Trust

A portion of the Plan's investments are in the Master Trust, which was established for the investment of assets of the Plan and the Company's other defined contribution plan, The Principal Select Savings Plan for Individual Field. Each participating retirement plan has an undivided interest in the Master Trust. The value of the Plan's interest in the Master Trust is based on the STIF balance, Bond Fund balance, principal balance of the Contract, plus accrued interest at the stated contract rate, less payments received and contract changes by Principal Life. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Plan's interest in the net assets of the Master Trust was approximately 88% and 87%, respectively. Investment income and administrative expenses relating to the Master Trust are allocated to the individual plans based upon the Plan's interest in the Master Trust.

The crediting interest rate is based on a formula agreed upon with Principal Life, but it may not be less than 0%. Such interest rates are reviewed on a monthly basis for resetting.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

6. Interest in Principal Select Savings Stable Value Master Trust (continued)

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with Principal Life when material events withdrawals are greater than 25% of the Contract as of the start of each contract year. These events include (1) certain termination of employment of a group of participants (including through layoffs or early retirement incentive programs instituted by the Company), (2) a certain spin-off or sale of the Company's business entity or location, (3) certain adoptions of amendments to the Plan, any change in practice, or any change in participant withdrawal rights under the Plan. BPAC does not believe that the occurrence of any such material event, which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value, is probable.

The annual average yields earned by the guaranteed investment contract are as follows:

Average yields:	2014	2013
Based on actual earnings	1.05%	0.82%
Based on interest rate credited to participants	1.06%	0.84%

The net assets, including investments, of the Master Trust are as follows:

	December 31,	
	2014	2013
STIF	\$ 4,750,918	\$ 3,529,858
Bond Fund	80,076,002	84,633,460
Total assets	84,826,920	88,163,318
Payables	(64,748)	(170,647)
Net assets at fair value	84,762,172	87,992,671
Adjustments from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contract	(23,117)	525,643
Total net assets at contract value	\$84,739,055	\$ 88,518,314
Plan interest in Principal Select Savings Stable Value Master Trust at fair value	\$ 74,876,505	\$ 76,889,286
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for a fully benefit-responsive investment contract	(20,421)	459,315
Plan interest in Principal Select Savings Stable Value Master Trust at contract value	\$74,856,084	\$ 77,348,601

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

6. Interest in Principal Select Savings Stable Value Master Trust (continued)

Investment income for the Master Trust is as follows:

	For the year ended December 31, 2014
Interest income	\$ 893,782
Other income	481
Total investment income	<u>\$ 894,263</u>

The NAV of each of the investments is calculated in a manner consistent with GAAP for investment companies and is determinative of their fair value. As of December, 31, 2014, the Bond Fund is reflected as Level 2 and the STIF is reflected as Level 1. The Bond Fund generally invests in fixed income securities. When available, the fair value of the fixed income securities is based on quoted prices of identical assets in active markets. When quoted prices are not available, the first priority is to obtain prices from third-party pricing methodologies and to confirm they are utilizing observable market information. The STIF is a money market fund valued using public quotations.

Master Trust assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below.

		As of December 31, 2014			
		Fair Value Hierarchy Level			
Assets	Assets Measured at Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
STIF	\$ 4,750,918	\$ 4,750,918	\$ –	\$ –	–
Bond Fund	80,076,002	–	80,076,002	–	–
Total invested assets	<u>\$ 84,826,920</u>	<u>\$ 4,750,918</u>	<u>\$ 80,076,002</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>–</u>

		As of December 31, 2013			
		Fair Value Hierarchy Level			
Assets	Assets Measured at Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
STIF	\$ 3,529,858	\$ 3,529,858	\$ –	\$ –	–
Bond Fund	84,633,460	–	84,633,460	–	–
Total invested assets	<u>\$ 88,163,318</u>	<u>\$ 3,529,858</u>	<u>\$ 84,633,460</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>–</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

6. Interest in Principal Select Savings Stable Value Master Trust (continued)

Within the Master Trust, the Plan holds a wrap contract with an inconsequential fair value for the 2014 and 2013 Plan years.

The Bond Fund and the STIF represented 5% or more of the Master Trust's net assets at contract value as of December 31, 2014. The Bond Fund represented 5% or more of the Master Trust's net assets at contract value as of December 31, 2013.

7. Related Party Transactions

In addition to the transactions with parties-in-interest discussed herein, Principal Life provides recordkeeping services to the Plan and receives fees, which are paid through revenue generated by Plan investments, for those services. These transactions are exempt from the prohibited transactions rules of ERISA. The Company may pay other Plan expenses from time to time. As part of the Principal Select Savings Stable Value Fund investment, the Plan purchases a wrap contract from Principal Life. The ESOP received \$2,690,784 in dividends from Principal Financial Group, Inc. in 2014.

8. Form 5500

The following table reconciles net assets available for benefits per the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits to the Form 5500:

	December 31,	
	2014	2013
Net assets available for benefits per the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$ 1,912,273,989	\$ 1,769,715,415
Adjustments from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive investment contract	20,421	(459,315)
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 1,912,294,410</u>	<u>\$ 1,769,256,100</u>

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8. Form 5500 (continued)

The following table reconciles the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits to the Form 5500:

	December 31, 2014
Net change from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	\$ 479,736
Master Trust investment income	<u>783,421</u>
Net investment loss from Master Trust investment accounts per the Form 5500	<u><u>\$ 1,263,157</u></u>

GAAP requires that the Plan reports interest in fully benefit-responsive contracts at contract value, while the Form 5500 is required to report these investments at fair value.

Supplemental Schedule

The Principal Select Savings Plan for Employees

EIN: 42-0127290 Plan Number: 003

Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets
(Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2014

Identity of Issue	Description of Investment	Current Value
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in guaranteed interest accounts	\$ 35,395,260
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Small-Cap Value II Separate Account	23,748,725
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Large Company Growth Separate Account	72,948,747
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company U.S. Property Separate Account	152,603,679
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Bond and Mortgage Separate Account	93,340,953
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Diversified International Separate Account	122,800,022
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Large-Cap Stock Index Separate Account	236,253,828
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Government and High Quality Bond Separate Account	23,792,658
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Mid-Cap Separate Account	150,871,028

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Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets
(Held at End of Year) (continued)

Identity of Issue	Description of Investment	Current Value
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company International Emerging Markets Separate Account	\$ 82,452,554
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Large Company Value Separate Account	33,330,992
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Inflation Protection Separate Account	13,400,778
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Partner Large-Cap Growth I Separate Account	36,043,731
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Lifetime Strategic Income Separate Account	11,882,945
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Principal Financial Group, Inc. Stock Separate Account	13,517,787
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Partner Small-Cap Growth I Separate Account	52,084,885
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Small-Cap Stock Index Separate Account	123,671,967
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Equity Income Separate Account	69,368,766
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Lifetime 2010 Separate Account	11,577,088

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EIN: 42-0127290 Plan Number: 003

Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (continued)

Identity of Issue	Description of Investment	Current Value
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Lifetime 2020 Separate Account	\$ 72,431,147
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Lifetime 2030 Separate Account	120,914,092
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Lifetime 2040 Separate Account	95,284,560
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Lifetime 2050 Separate Account	58,130,579
Principal Life Insurance Company*	Deposits in insurance company Lifetime 2060 Separate Account	3,369,717
Principal Financial Group, Inc.*	2,035,856 shares of Principal Financial Group, Inc. ESOP	105,742,348
Loans to participants*	Notes receivable from participants with varying maturity dates and interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 11.50%	22,454,302
		<u>\$ 1,837,413,138</u>

*Indicates party-in-interest to the Plan.

SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

THE PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS PLAN FOR EMPLOYEE

EIN 42 0127290
 PLAN NUMBER 003
 PLAN YEAR 01/01/2014 TO 12/31/2014

(A)	(B) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party.	(C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Insurance Company General Guaranteed Interest	\$ 0.00	\$ 35,395,260.36
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Bond and Mtge SA-I5	\$ 0.00	\$ 93,340,952.57
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Div Intl SA-I5	\$ 0.00	\$122,800,022.02
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Equity Income SA-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 69,368,765.99
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Fin Grp, Inc. Stk SA-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 13,517,787.27
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Govt&HOBnd Sep Acct-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 23,792,657.65
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Inflation Prot SA-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 13,400,777.72
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin Intl Em Mkt Sep Acct-I5	\$ 0.00	\$ 82,452,554.02
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LargeCap Growth I SA-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 36,043,731.34
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin IgCap Growth Sep Acct-I5	\$ 0.00	\$ 72,948,747.25
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin IgCap S&P 500 Index SA-I5	\$ 0.00	\$236,253,827.64
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin IgCap Value Sep Acct-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 33,330,991.94
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeTm Str Inc SA-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,882,945.21
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeTm 2010 Sep Acct-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,577,088.11
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeTm 2020 Sep Acct-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 72,431,146.51

SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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THE PRINCIPAL SELECT SAVINGS PLAN FOR EMPLOYE

EIN 42 0127290
PLAN NUMBER 003
PLAN YEAR 01/01/2014 TO 12/31/2014

(A)	(B) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party.	(C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeM 2030 Sep Acct-I3	\$ 0.00	\$120,914,092.20
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeM 2040 Sep Acct-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 95,284,559.74
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin LifeM 2050 Sep Acct-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 58,130,579.35
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin MidCap Sep Acct-I3	\$ 0.00	\$150,871,028.41
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin SmallCap Growth I SA-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 52,084,885.17
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin SmallCap Value II SA-I2	\$ 0.00	\$ 23,748,725.19
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin SmCap S&P 600 Index SA-I5	\$ 0.00	\$123,671,966.94
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts Prin U.S. Property SA-I5	\$ 0.00	\$152,603,678.56
*	Principal Financial Group, Inc.	Employer Security Principal Financial Group ESOP	\$ 0.00	\$105,742,348.03
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN LIFEIM 2060 SEP ACCT-I3	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,369,717.33
	Participant Loans	Range of Interest Rates Rates Range From 4.25% To 11.50%	\$ 0.00	\$ 22,454,302.00