

WHEELER WILLIAM J
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WHEELER WILLIAM J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
METLIFE INC [MET]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
200 PARK AVENUE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/20/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President of the Americas

NEW YORK, NY 10166

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2012 | | M | 28,500 A \$ 26 | 240,879 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2012 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 28,500 D \$ 33.2167 ⁽²⁾ | 212,379 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 12,450 | I | By GRAT ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | 10 | I | By the MetLife Policyholder Trust ⁽⁴⁾ |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 26 | 12/20/2012 | | M | 28,500 | ⁽⁵⁾ 02/17/2013 | Common Stock 28,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|----------------------------------|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| WHEELER WILLIAM J 200 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10166 | President of the Americas |

Signatures

Richard S. Collins, authorized signer
12/21/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) This sale transaction is associated with the shares acquired from the exercise of stock options.
The transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$33.06 to \$33.37 per share. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sales price. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the Issuer or security holder of the Issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (3) These shares were previously reported as directly beneficially owned but were contributed to a Grantor Retained Annuity Trust ("GRAT").

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- (4) Shares held in trust under the MetLife Policyholder Trust established to hold shares of Common Stock allocated to eligible policyholders of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of MetLife, Inc.
- (5) The option vested in three equal installments on February 18, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

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