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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 * LEIGHTON CHARLES M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

METLIFE INC [MET]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

> (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2008

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

200 PARK AVENUE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

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

NEW YORK, NY 10166

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Street)

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 4 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionof **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Derivative (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Securities

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			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock Equivalent Units	\$ 59.24	01/02/2008	J <u>(1)</u>			117	(2)	(2)	Common Stock Equivalent Units	117

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
LEIGHTON CHARLES M 200 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10166	X							

Signatures

Gwenn L. Carr, authorized signer 01/04/2008

**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).
- Common Stock Equivalent Units were acquired pursuant to the MetLife Deferred Compensation Plan for Outside Directors whereby
 Directors may elect to defer receipt of cash retainer fees for a specified period of time into a fund that tracks the MetLife Common Stock.
- (1) When such Common Stock Equivalent Units are distributed, they are settled in cash. This distribution transaction was based on a prior election
- Each share of Common Stock Equivalent Unit is the economic value of one share of MetLife, Inc. common stock and were acquired (2) pursuant to the Deferred Compensation Plan for Outside Directors. These Common Stock Equivalent Units are payable in cash following the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.

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