

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Wetzel Paul M.</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>11225 NORTH COMMUNITY HOUSE ROAD</u>  (Street) <u>CHARLOTTE NC 28277</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/04/2017</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Brighthouse Financial, Inc. [ BHF ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>No Shares Beneficially Owned</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>D</u>	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

/s/Gary S. Tashjian, authorized 08/09/2017  
signer

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR  
SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to the authorization set forth in the instructions for the filing of Form 3, Form 4 and Form 5, respectively (hereinafter referred to as the "Reports"), under the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned hereby designates and authorizes each of BRUCE H. SCHINDLER, D. BURT ARRINGTON, GARY S. TASHJIAN, and PATRICIA E. DONNELLY to execute and file, or cause to be filed, such Reports, and any amendments thereto, on behalf of the undersigned, with the Securities and Exchange Commission and any other proper bodies at any time when the filing of said Reports is in order, containing such information as BRUCE H. SCHINDLER, D. BURT ARRINGTON, GARY S. TASHJIAN, and PATRICIA E. DONNELLY may deem advisable.

The authority of BRUCE H. SCHINDLER, D. BURT ARRINGTON, GARY S. TASHJIAN, and PATRICIA E. DONNELLY under this authorization shall continue until the undersigned is no longer required to file Reports with regard to the undersigned's ownership of or transactions in securities of Brighthouse Financial, Inc., unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in writing.

The undersigned acknowledges that BRUCE H. SCHINDLER, D. BURT ARRINGTON, GARY S. TASHJIAN, and PATRICIA E. DONNELLY are not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

/s/Paul M. Wetzel  
August 9, 2017