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Principal Life Insurance Company Principal® Life CoreNotes® (Callable) (That are also Asset-Backed Securities) Issued Through and Obligations of Principal Life Income Fundings Trust 2007-42 (the "Trust" and "Issuing Entity")

The description of this pricing supplement of the particular terms of the Principal® Life CoreNotes® offered hereby, and the Funding Agreement (specified below) issued by Principal Life Insurance Company ("Principal Life") to the Trust, the payment obligations of which are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the Guarantee (specified below) issued by Principal Financial Group, Inc. to the Trust, supplements the description of the general terms and provisions of the notes, the funding agreements and the guarantees set forth in the accompanying prospectus and prospectus supplement, to which reference is hereby made.

1. The Notes

Principal Amount:	TBD	Purchasing Agent Discount: 1.500%						
Issue Price:	100.0%	Original Iss	5/9/2007					
Net Proceeds to the Trust:	TBD	Stated Matu	5/15/2017					
Interest Payment Dates:	The 15th day of every sixth month commencing on 11/15/2007							
Initial Interest Payment Date:	11/15/2007	11/15/2007						
Regular Record Date:	15 calendar days prior to the Interest Payment Date							
Type of Interest Rate:	Fixed Rate	☐ Floating Rate						
Interest Rate:	5.450%							
Discount Note:	□ Yes	🛮 No						
Terms of Survivor's Option: Annual Put Limitation: Individual Put Limitation: Trust Put Limitation:		□ \$2,000,000 or 29 □ \$or □ \$250,000; or □ \$ □ 2%; or						
Redemption Provisions: Initial Redemption Date: Redemption: Additional Other Terms:	☐ Yes 5/15/2009 ☐ In whole only ar ☐ May be in who Any redemption d	□ No. If, Yes,						
Repayment:	□ Yes	□ No						
Authorized Denominations:	\$1,000	\$1,000						

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Ratings:

The Notes issued under the Program are rated AA by Standard & Poor's ("S&P").

Principal Life expects the Notes to be rated Aa2 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's").

Purchasing Agent(s) Purchasing Notes as Principa Purchasing Agent(s)		cipal:	YesPrincipal Amount	□ No	If yes:		
	Merrill Lynch		TBD				
	Total:		TBD				
State of Organization	on of the Trust:	New York					
Additional/Other T	erms:	None					
2. The Funding Ag	<u>greement</u>						
Funding Agreemen	at Issuer:	Principal Life Insur	nce Company				
Funding Agreement No.:		7-08751					
Deposit:		TBD					
Net Deposit:		TBD					
Effective Date:		5/9/2007					
Stated Maturity Da	te:	5/15/2017					
Interest Payment D	ates:	The 15th day of ev	The 15th day of every sixth month commencing on 11/15/2007				
Initial Interest Payr	ment Date:	11/15/2007					
Type of Interest Ra	ite:	Fixed Rate	☐ Floating Rate				
Interest Rate:		5.450%					
Discount Funding	Agreement:	□ Yes	No				
Terms of Survivor' Annual Put	rvivor's Option: aal Put Limitation:		[] \$2,000,000 or 2%				
Individual I	Put Limitation:		□ \$or_9 □ \$250,000; or				
Trust Put L	imitation:		□ \$ □ 2%; or \$				
Redemption: Initial Rede Redemption	emption Date: n:	☐ Yes 5/15/2009 ☐ In whole only and		If, Y	ves,		
Additional	Other Terms:	☐ May be in whole Any redemption da		nent Date falling	on or after the Initial Redemption Date		
Repayment:		□ Yes	□ No				
Ratings:							
		e Program is rated AA by S&P ement to be rated Aa2 by Mood					
Additional/Other T	erms:	None					
3. The Guarantee							
Guarantee Issuer:		Principal Financial	Principal Financial Group, Inc.				
Effective Date:		5/9/2007					
Additional/Other T	erms:	None					