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Principal Life Insurance Company Principal® Life CoreNotes® (Callable) Issued Through Principal Life Income Fundings Trust 2005-42 (the "Trust")

The description of this pricing supplement of the particular terms of the Principal® Life CoreNotes® offered hereby, and the Funding Agreement (specified below) sold by Principal Life Insurance Company to the Trust (specified herein), 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:	\$830,000.0	Purchasing A	gent Discount:	1.500%
Issue Price:	100.0%	Original Issue	Date:	05/11/05
Net Proceeds to the Trust:	\$817,550.0	Stated Maturity Date:		05/15/15
Interest Payment Dates:	The 15th day of every sixth month commencing on 11/15/2005.			
Initial Interest Payment Date:	11/15/05			
Regular Record Date:	The 1st day of every sixth month commencing on 11/01/2005.			
Type of Interest Rate:	⊠ Fixed Rate	o Floating Rate		
Fixed Rate Notes:	⊠ Yes	o No.	If, Yes,	
Interest Rate:	5.00%			
Floating Rate Notes:	o Yes	⊠ No.	If, Yes,	
Regular Floating Rate Notes: Interest Rate: Interest Rate Basis(es):	o Yes	o No.	If, Yes,	
Floating Rate/Fixed Rate Note: Floating Interest Rate: Interest Rate Basis(es): Fixed Interest Rate: Fixed Rate Commencement Date:	o Yes	o No.	If, Yes,	
Initial Interest Rate, if any:	N/A			
Initial Interest Reset Date:	N/A			

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Interest Rate Basis(es). Check all that apply: N/A o CD Rate o CMT Rate o Commercial Paper Rate o LIBOR o Treasury Rate o Prime Rate o Other (See Attached) If LIBOR: o LIBOR Reuters Page o LIBOR Moneyline Telerate Page LIBOR Currency: If CMT Rate: Designated CMT Telerate Page: If 7052: o Weekly Average o Monthly Average Designated CMT Maturity Index: Index Maturity: N/A Spread (+/-): N/A Spread Multiplier: N/A Interest Reset Date(s): N/A Interest Rate Determination Date(s): N/A Maximum Interest Rate, if any: N/A Minimum Interest Rate, if any: N/A Calculation Agent: Citibank, N.A. Computation of Interest: N/A (not applicable unless different than as specified in the prospectus and prospectus supplement) Day Count Convention: N/A (not applicable unless different than as specified in the prospectus and prospectus supplement) Discount Note: o Yes ⊠ No. If, Yes, Total Amount of Discount: Initial Accrual Period of Discount: Additional/Other Terms: Terms of Survivor's Option: Annual Put Limitation: ⊠ \$2,000,000 or 2%; or o \$__ _or_% Individual Put Limitation: ⊠ \$250,000; or o \$_ Trust Put Limitation: ≥ 2%; or \$____ ⊠ Yes If, Yes, **Redemption Provisions:** o No. Initial Redemption Date: 05/15/07 Redemption: ☑ In whole only and not in part o May be in whole or in part Additional Other Terms: Any redemption date will be an Interest Payment Date falling on or after the Initial Redemption Date Repayment: o Yes ⊠ No. If, Yes, Repayment Date(s): Repayment Price: Repayment: o In whole only and not in part o May be in whole or in part Additional/Other Terms: Sinking Fund (not applicable unless specified): N/A Securities Exchange Listing: o Yes ⊠ No. If, Yes, Name of Exchange: **Authorized Denominations:** \$1,000

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 Agents Purchasing Notes as Principal:

⊠ Yes

o No.

If, Yes,

	Purchasing Agent(s)				Principal Amount	
	Merrill Lynch Total:				\$830,000.0 \$830,000.0	
State of Organization of the Trust:			New York			
Additional/Other Terms:			None			
Special Tax Considerations:			None			
2. The Funding Agreeme	nt					
Funding Agreement Issuer:			Principal Life Insurance Company			
Funding Agreement No.:			6-11964			
Deposit:			\$830,015.0			
Net Deposit:			\$817,550.0			
Effective Date:			05/11/05			
Stated Maturity Date:		05/15/15				
Interest Payment Dates:			The 15th day of every	sixth month	a commencing on 11/15/2005.	
Initial Interest Payment Da	nte:		11/15/05			
Type of Interest Rate:			☑ Fixed Rate o Floating Rate		Rate	
Fixed Rate Funding Ag	greement:		⊠ Yes	o No.	If, Yes,	
Interest Rate:			5.00%			
Floating Rate Funding	Agreement:		o Yes	⊠ No.	If, Yes,	
Regular Floating R Interest Rate: Interest Rate Ba	ate Funding Agreement:		o Yes	o No.	If, Yes,	
Floating Interes Interest Rate Ba Fixed Interest F	asis(es):		o Yes	o No.	If, Yes,	
Initial Interest Rate	e, if any:		N/A			
Initial Interest Rese	et Date:		N/A			
Interest Rate Basis	(es). Check all that apply:	o Co o Tr	D Rate ommercial Paper Rate easury Rate cher (See Attached)	N/A	o CMT Rate o LIBOR o Prime Rate	
If LIBOR:			BOR Reuters Page IBOR Currency:		o LIBOR Moneyline Telerate Page	

Designated CMT Telerate Page:

If CMT Rate:

If 7052:

o Weekly Average o Monthly Average

Designated CMT Maturity Index:

Index Maturity:	N/A		
Spread (+/-):	N/A		
Spread Multiplier:	N/A		
Interest Reset Date(s):	N/A		
Interest Rate Determination Date(s):	N/A		
Maximum Interest Rate, if any:	N/A		
Minimum Interest Rate, if any:	N/A		
Computation of Interest: (not applicable unless different than as specified in the prospectus Day Count Convention: (not applicable unless different than as specified in the prospectus	N/A		
Discount Funding Agreement: Total Amount of Discount: Initial Accrual Period of Discount: Additional/Other Terms:	o Yes	⊠ No.	If, Yes,
Terms of Survivor's Option: Annual Put Limitation:		⊠ \$2,000,000 or 2%; or	•
Individual Put Limitation:		o \$or_% ⊠ \$250,000; or o \$	
Trust Put Limitation:		o \$ \(\times 2\); or \$	
Redemption: Initial Redemption Date: Redemption:	☑ Yes05/15/07☑ In whole only and no o May be in whole or in		If, Yes,
Additional Other Terms:	Any redemption date w Redemption Date	ill be an Interest Paymen	t Date falling on or after the Initial
Repayment: Repayment Date(s): Repayment Price: Repayment: Additional/Other Terms:	o Yes o In whole only and not o May be in whole or in		If, Yes,
Sinking Fund (not applicable unless specified):	N/A		
Ratings:			
The Funding Agreement issued under the Program is rated A Principal Life expects the Funding Agreement to be rated Aa			
Additional/Other Terms:	None		
Special Tax Considerations:	None		
3. The Guarantee			
Guarantee Issuer:	Principal Financial Gro	up, Inc.	
Effective Date:	05/11/05		
Additional/Other Terms:	None		