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(To Prospectus dated February 16, 2006, and Registration Statement No. 333-129763 and Prospectus Supplement dated February 16, 2006) 333-129763-01

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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 2007-36 (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: 1.300%

Issue Price: 100.0% Original Issue Date: 4/18/2007

Net Proceeds to the Trust: TBD Stated Maturity Date: 4/15/2015

Interest Payment Dates: The 15th day of every sixth month commencing on 10/15/2007

Initial Interest Payment Date: 10/15/2007

Regular Record Date: 15 calendar days prior to the Interest Payment Date

Type of Interest Rate: x Fixed Rate o Floating Rate

Interest Rate: 5.45%

Discount Note: o Yes x No

Terms of Survivor s Option:

Annual Put Limitation: x \$2,000,000 or 2%; or

o \$_____or_%

Individual Put Limitation: x \$250,000; or

o \$_____

Trust Put Limitation: x 2%; or

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Redemption Provisions: x Yes o No. If, Yes,

Initial Redemption Date: 4/15/2009

Redemption: x 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 x No

Authorized Denominations: \$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 x Yes If yes: o No Principal: **Purchasing Agent(s) Principal Amount** Merrill Lynch **TBD** Total: **TBD** State of Organization of the New York Trust: Additional/Other Terms: None 2. The Funding Agreement Funding Agreement Issuer: Principal Life Insurance Company Funding Agreement No.: 6-14352 Deposit: **TBD** Net Deposit: **TBD** Effective Date: 4/18/2007 Stated Maturity Date: 4/15/2015 The 15th day of every sixth month commencing on 10/15/2007 **Interest Payment Dates:** Initial Interest Payment Date: 10/15/2007 Type of Interest Rate: x Fixed Rate o Floating Rate **Interest Rate:** 5.45% x No **Discount Funding** o Yes Agreement: Terms of Survivor s Option: **Annual Put Limitation:** x \$2,000,000 or 2%; or o \$_____or_% x \$250,000; or **Individual Put Limitation:** o \$_____

Trust Put Limitation: x 2%; or

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The Funding Agreement issued under the Program is rated AA by S&P.

Principal Life expects the Funding Agreement to be rated Aa2 by Moody s.

Additional/Other Terms: None

3. The Guarantee

Guarantee Issuer: Principal Financial Group, Inc.

Effective Date: 4/18/2007

Additional/Other Terms: None