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| Dated | | | |
| (To Prospectus dated February 16, 2006, and | | Registration Statement Nos. | 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 2006-43 (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: | 10 | 00.0% | Original Issue Date: | 7/6/2006 |
| Net Proceeds to the Trust: | | TBD | Stated Maturity Date: | 7/15/2016 |
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| Interest Payment Dates: | The 15th day | of every sixth | month commencing on 1/15/2007 | |
| Initial Interest Payment Date: | Date: 1/15/2007 | | | |
| Regular Record Date: | 15 calendar days prior to the Interest Payment Date | | | |
| Type of Interest Rate: | x Fixed Rate | o Floating Ra | ate | |
| Interest Rate: | 6.30% | | | |
| Discount Note: | o Yes | x No. | | |
| Terms of Survivor s Option: Annual Put Limitation: | | x \$2,000,000 o \$ | | |
| Individual Put Limitation: | | x \$250,000; o | or | |
| Trust Put Limitation: | | o \$ x 2%; or \$ | | |

| Redemption Provisions: Initial Redemption Date: | x Yes 7/15/2008 | o No. | If, Yes, |
|--|----------------------------|--|---|
| Redemption: | x In whole or part | nly and not in | |
| Additional Other Terms: | o May be in Any redempt | whole or in part ion date will be a al Redemption Da | n Interest Payment Date falling on or ate |
| 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 o No. If, Yes, Principal:

| Purchasing Agent(s) | | | Principal Amount |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Merrill Lynch | | | TBD |
| Total: | | - | TBD |
| State of Organization of the Trust: | New York | | |
| Additional/Other Terms: | None | | |
| 2. <u>The Funding Agreement</u> | | | |
| Funding Agreement Issuer: | Principal Life | Insurance Company | |
| Funding Agreement No.: | 6-13520 | | |
| Deposit: | TBD | | |
| Net Deposit: | TBD | | |
| Effective Date: | 7/6/2006 | | |
| Stated Maturity Date: | 7/15/2016 | | |
| Interest Payment Dates: | The 15th day | of every sixth month commencing of | on 1/15/2007 |
| Initial Interest Payment Date: | 1/15/2007 | | |
| Type of Interest Rate: | x Fixed Rate | o Floating Rate | |
| Interest Rate: | 6.30% | | |
| Discount Funding Agreement: | o Yes | x No. | |

| Terms of Survivor s Option: | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Annual Put Limitation: | | x \$2,000,000 or 2%; or | | |
| | | o \$ | — — | |
| Individual Put Limitation: | | x \$250,000; o | | |
| | | o \$ | _ | |
| Trust Put Limitation: | | x 2%; or | | |
| | | \$ | | |
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| Redemption: | x Yes | o No. | If, Yes, | |
| Initial Redemption Date: | 7/15/2008 | | -4 | |
| Redemption: | | nly and not in pa | rt | |
| | • | whole or in part | | |
| Additional Other Terms: | | | an Interest Payment Date falling on or | |
| | after the Initi | al Redemption I | Jale | |
| Repayment: | o Yes | x No. | | |
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| Ratings: | | | | |
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| The Funding Agreement issue | | 0 | | |
| Principal Life expects the Fu | nding Agreeme | ent to be rated A | a2 by Moody s. | |
| | N | | | |
| Additional/Other Terms: | None | | | |
| 3. The Guarantee | | | | |
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| Guarantee Issuer: | Principa | l Financial Grou | p, Inc. | |
| | _ | | _ | |
| Effective Date: | 7/6/2006 | 6 | | |
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| Additional/Other Terms: | None | | | |