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PRICING TERM SHEET

Issuer: Principal Financial Group, Inc.
Title of Securities: 6.05% Senior Notes due 2036

Offering Size: \$500,000,000

Coupon: 6.05% per annum, payable semi-annually

Trade Date: October 11, 2006
Settlement Date: October 16, 2006
Maturity: October 15, 2036

Treasury Benchmark: 4.500% due February, 2036

US Treasury Spot: 93-17 US Treasury Yield: 4.918%

Spread to Treasury: 118 basis points

Re-offer Yield: 6.098%
Price to Public: 99.343%
Gross Proceeds: \$496,715,000
Net Proceeds to Issuer: \$492,340,000

Optional Redemption: Make-whole redemption at any time at a discount rate of Treasury plus 20 basis points

Minimum \$2,000 x \$1,000

Denomination:

Expected Credit A2/A*

Ratings:

Interest Payment each April 15th and October 15th

Dates:

First Pay Date: April 15, 2007

Day Count 30/360

Convention:

CUSIP: 74251V AA 0

Bookrunners: Goldman, Sachs & Co., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan

Stanley & Co. Incorporated, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Credit Suisse Securities

(USA) LLC and UBS Securities LLC

Co-Managers: A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., Banc of America Securities LLC, Lehman Brothers Inc. and

Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC

The issuer has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents the issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the issuer and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, the issuer, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling Goldman, Sachs & Co. toll-free at 1-866-471-2526, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated toll-free at 1-866-500-5408 or Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated toll-free at 1-866-718-1649.

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