

Pricing Supplement Dated February 23, 2006
 (To Prospectus dated February 16, 2006, and
 Prospectus Supplement dated February 16, 2006)

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Principal Life Insurance Company
Secured Medium-Term Notes (That are also Asset-Backed Securities)
Issued Through and Obligations of
Principal Life Income Fundings Trust 17 (the “Trust” and the “Issuing Entity”)

The description of this pricing supplement of the particular terms of the Secured Medium-Term Notes 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:	\$350,000,000	Purchasing Agent(s) Discount:	0.315%
Issue Price:	99.751%	Original Issue Date:	February 28, 2006
Net Proceeds to the Trust:	\$348,026,000	Stated Maturity Date:	March 1, 2011

Specified Currency:	U.S. Dollars		
Interest Payment Dates:	March 1 and September 1 of each year		
Initial Interest Payment Date:	September 1, 2006		
Regular Record Date:	15 calendar days prior to the Interest Date		
Type of Interest Rate:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fixed Rate <input type="checkbox"/> Floating Rate		
Fixed Rate Notes:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No.	If, Yes,
Interest Rate:	5.125%		
Floating Rate Notes:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No.	If, Yes,
Regular Floating Rate Notes:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No.	If, Yes,
Interest Rate:			
Interest Rate Basis(es):			
Floating Rate/Fixed Rate Note:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No.	If, Yes,
Floating Interest Rate:			
Interest Rate Basis(es):			
Fixed Interest Rate:			
Fixed Rate Commencement Date:			

Inverse Floating Rate Note: Yes No. If, Yes,
Fixed Interest Rate:
Floating Interest Rate:
Interest Rate Basis(es):

Initial Interest Rate, if any:

Initial Interest Reset Date:

Interest Rate Basis(es). Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CD Rate | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Paper Rate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CMT Rate | <input type="checkbox"/> Eleventh District Cost of Funds Rate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Constant Maturity Swap Rate | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Fund Open Rate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIBORs | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Funds Rate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EURIBOR | <input type="checkbox"/> Treasury Rate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rate | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (See Attached) |

If LIBOR: LIBOR Reuters Page LIBOR Moneyline Telerate Page
LIBOR Currency:

If CMT Rate:

Designated CMT Telerate Page:

If 7052:

Designated CMT Maturity Index:

- Weekly Average Monthly Average

Index Maturity:

Spread (+/-):

Spread Multiplier:

Interest Reset Date(s):

Interest Rate Determination Date(s):

Maximum Interest Rate, if any:

Minimum Interest Rate, if any:

Calculation Agent: Citibank, N.A.

Exchange Rate Agent: Not applicable

Computation of Interest (not applicable unless different than as specified in the prospectus and prospectus supplement):

Day Count Convention (not applicable unless different than as specified in the prospectus and prospectus supplement):

Amortizing Note: Yes No. If, Yes,
Amortizing Schedule:
Additional/Other Terms:

Discount Note: Yes No. If, Yes,
Total Amount of Discount:
Initial Accrual Period of Discount:
Additional/Other Terms:

Redemption Provisions: Yes No. If, Yes,
Initial Redemption Date:
Initial Redemption Percentage:
Annual Redemption Percentage Reduction (if any):

Redemption: In whole only and not in part
 May be in whole or in part
Additional Other Terms:

Repayment: Yes No. If, Yes,
Repayment Date(s):
Repayment Price:
Repayment: In whole only and not in part
 May be in whole or in part
Additional/Other Terms:

Sinking Fund (not applicable unless specified):

Additional Amounts to be Paid for Withholding Tax (not applicable unless specified):

Securities Exchange Listing: 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 Ratings Services, a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. ("S&P"). Principal Life expects the Notes to be rated Aa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's").

Purchasing Agents Purchasing Notes as Principal: Yes No. If, Yes:

Purchasing Agent(s)	Principal Amount
Banc of America Securities LLC	\$ 166,250,000
Goldman, Sachs & Co.	\$ 166,250,000
Barclays Capital Inc.	\$ 4,375,000
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	\$ 4,375,000
Lehman Brothers Inc.	\$ 4,375,000
Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC	\$ 4,375,000
Total:	\$ 350,000,000

Purchasing Agent(s) Purchasing Notes as Principal: Yes No. If, Yes:

Purchasing Agent(s)	Principal Amount
Total:	

State of Organization of the Trust: New York

Additional/Other Terms:

Special Tax Considerations:

2. The Funding Agreement

Funding Agreement Issuer: Principal Life Insurance Company

Funding Agreement No.: 8-02862

Deposit Amount: \$350,000,015

Net Deposit: \$348,026,000

Effective Date: February 28, 2006

Stated Maturity Date: March 1, 2011

Specified Currency: U.S. Dollars

Interest Payment Dates: March 1 and September 1 of each year

Initial Interest Payment Date: September 1, 2006

Type of Interest Rate: Fixed Rate Floating Rate

Fixed Rate Funding Agreement: Yes No. If, Yes,

Interest Rate: 5.125%

Floating Rate Funding Agreement: Yes No. If, Yes,

Regular Floating Rate Funding Agreement: Yes No. If, Yes,

Interest Rate:
Interest Rate Basis(es):

Floating Rate/Fixed Rate Funding Agreement: Yes No. If, Yes,

Floating Interest Rate:

Interest Rate Basis(es):
Fixed Interest Rate:
Fixed Rate Commencement Date:

Inverse Floating Rate Funding Agreement: Yes No. If, Yes,

Fixed Interest Rate:
Floating Interest Rate:
Interest Rate Basis(es):

Initial Interest Rate, if any:

Initial Interest Reset Date:

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If 7052: Weekly Average Monthly Average

Designated CMT Maturity Index:

Index Maturity:

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Redemption: In whole only and not in part
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Repayment: Yes No. If, Yes,
Repayment Date(s):
Repayment Price:
Repayment: In whole only and not in part
 May be in whole or in part
Additional/Other Terms:

Sinking Fund (not applicable unless specified):

Additional Amounts to be Paid For Withholding Tax (not applicable unless specified):

Ratings: 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:

Special Tax Considerations:

3. The Guarantee

Guarantee Issuer: Principal Financial Group, Inc.

Effective Date: February 28, 2006

Additional/Other Terms: