

Principal Life Income Fundings Trust 18

Form 424B2

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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 18 (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**

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| Principal Amount:          | \$300,000,000                        | Purchasing Agent(s) Discount: | Variable depending on re-offer price |
| Issue Price:               | Variable depending on re-offer price | Original Issue Date:          | March 13, 2006                       |
| Net Proceeds to the Trust: | \$300,000,000                        | Stated Maturity Date:         | September 15, 2007                   |

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Specified Currency: U.S. Dollars

Interest Payment Dates: March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 of each year.

Initial Interest Payment Dates: June 15, 2006

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

Type of Interest Rate:       Fixed Rate                       Floating Rate

Fixed Rate Notes:               Yes                                       No.                      If, Yes,

Interest Rate:

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Floating Rate Notes:                     Yes                     No.                    If, Yes,

Regular Floating Rate Notes:         Yes                     No.                    If, Yes,

Interest Rate:                            3 Month LIBOR -.04

Interest Rate Basis(es):                See below

Floating Rate/Fixed Rate Note:       Yes                     No.                    If, Yes,

Floating Interest Rate:

Interest Rate Basis(es):

Fixed Interest Rate:

Fixed Rate Commencement Date:

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

Initial Interest Rate, if any: 4.85%

Initial Interest Reset Date: June 15, 2006  
 Interest Rate Basis(es). Check all that apply:

- CD Rate
- CMT Rate
- Constant Maturity Swap Rate
- LIBOR
- EURIBOR
- Prime Rate
- Commercial Paper Rate
- Eleventh District Cost of Funds Rate
- Federal Fund Open Rate
- Federal Funds Rate
- Treasury Rate
- Other (See Attached)

If LIBOR:  LIBOR Reuters LIBOR Currency:  LIBOR Moneyline Telerate Page 3750 U.S. Dollars

If CMT Rate: Designated CMT Telerate Page: If 7052:  Weekly Average  Monthly Average  
 Designated CMT Maturity Index:

Index Maturity: 3-Month

Spread (+/-): -.04%

Spread Multiplier: Not Applicable

Interest Reset Date(s): Each Interest Payment Date

The second London Banking Day preceding the Interest Reset Date

Interest Rate  
Determination  
Date(s):

Maximum Interest Rate,  
if any: Not Applicable

Minimum Interest Rate,  
if any: Not Applicable

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

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,

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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 Rating Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. ( 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  Yes  No. If, Yes:  
 Principal:

| <u>Purchasing Agent(s)</u>    | <u>Principal Amount</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. | <u>\$ 300,000,000</u>   |
| Total:                        | \$ 300,000,000          |

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

| <u>Purchasing Agent(s)</u> | <u>Principal Amount</u> |
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Total:

State of Organization of the Trust: New York

Additional/Other Terms:

Special Tax Considerations:

**2. The Funding Agreement**

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Funding Agreement Issuer: Principal Life Insurance Company

Funding Agreement No.: 7-07787

Deposit Amount: \$300,000,015

Net Deposit: \$300,000,000

Effective Date: March 13, 2006

Stated Maturity Date: September 15, 2007

Specified Currency: U.S. Dollars

Interest Payment Dates: March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 of each year

Initial Interest Payment Date: June 15, 2006

Type of Interest Rate:  Fixed Rate  Floating Rate

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

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Interest Rate:

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

Regular Floating Rate Funding Agreement:  Yes  No. If, Yes,  
 Interest Rate: 3 Month LIBOR -.04%  
 Interest Rate Basis(es): see below

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: 4.85%

Initial Interest Reset Date: June 15, 2006

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

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

If LIBOR:  LIBOR Reuters Page  LIBOR Moneyline Telerate Page 3750  
 LIBOR Currency: U.S. Dollars

If CMT Rate:

Designated CMT Telerate Page:

If 7052:  Weekly Average  Monthly Average

Designated CMT Maturity Index:

Index Maturity: 3-Month

Spread (+/-): -.04%

Spread Multiplier: Not Applicable



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Interest Reset Date(s): Each Interest Payment Date

Interest Rate Determination Date(s): The second London Banking Day preceding the related Interest Reset Date

Maximum Interest Rate, if any: Not Applicable

Minimum Interest Rate, if any: Not Applicable

Calculation 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 Funding Agreement:  Yes  No. If, Yes,  
Amortizing Schedule:  
Additional/Other Terms:

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

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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):

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, if any:

Special Tax Considerations:

### 3. The Guarantee

Guarantee Issuer: Principal Financial Group, Inc.

Effective Date: March 13, 2006

Additional/Other Terms: