

PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP INC

Form 424B2

December 17, 2008

Table of Contents

The information in this preliminary prospectus supplement is not complete and may be changed. This preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are not an offer to sell these securities and we are not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Filed Pursuant to rule 424(b)(2)

Registration No. 333-139912

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION. DATED DECEMBER 17, 2008

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To Prospectus dated January 10, 2007)

\$

PNC Funding Corp
\$ Floating Rate Senior Notes due
Unconditionally Guaranteed by
The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.

And

Guaranteed under the FDIC's Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program

The senior notes in the initial aggregate principal amount of \$ will mature on and will pay interest quarterly in arrears on March, June, September and December of each year, commencing on March, 2009. If PNC Funding Corp becomes obligated to pay additional amounts to non-U.S. investors due to changes in U.S. withholding tax requirements, PNC Funding Corp may redeem the senior notes before their stated maturity at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount redeemed *plus* accrued interest to the redemption date. There is no sinking fund for the senior notes.

The senior notes will rank equally with all other existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness of PNC Funding Corp. The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. will guarantee the senior notes, and the guarantees will rank equally with the existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness of The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.

This debt is guaranteed under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program and is backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. The details of the FDIC guarantee are provided in the FDIC's regulations, 12 C.F.R. Part 370, and at the FDIC's website, www.fdic.gov/tlgp. The expiration date of the FDIC's Guarantee is the earlier of the maturity date of the debt or June 30, 2012.

The FDIC guarantee has not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined that this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

**Underwriting
Discounts**

	Price to Public(1)		Proceeds to Us	
Per senior note		%		%
Total	\$		\$	

(1) Plus accrued interest, if any, from the original issue date.

The senior notes will not be listed on any securities exchange. Currently, there is no public trading market for the senior notes.

The underwriters expect to deliver the senior notes to purchasers in book-entry form through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company and its direct participants, including Euroclear and Clearstream, on or about December , 2008.

Citi	<i>Joint Book-Running Managers</i>	J.P. Morgan
-------------	------------------------------------	--------------------

PNC Capital Markets LLC

December 17, 2008

Table of Contents

Table of contents

	Page
Prospectus supplement	
<u>About this prospectus supplement</u>	S-ii
<u>Forward-looking statements</u>	S-ii
<u>Incorporation of certain documents by reference</u>	S-iv
<u>Summary</u>	S-1
<u>Risk factors</u>	S-3
<u>Use of proceeds</u>	S-3
<u>Certain terms of the senior notes</u>	S-4
<u>Certain U.S. federal tax considerations</u>	S-11
<u>Underwriting</u>	S-14
<u>Legal matters</u>	S-21
<u>Experts</u>	S-22
Prospectus	
About this Prospectus	1
Where You Can Find More Information	1
Risk Factors	2
The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	2
PNC Funding Corp.	3
Consolidated Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Consolidated Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends	3
Use of Proceeds	3
Description of Debt Securities and Guarantees	3
Description of Common Stock	19
Description of Preferred Stock	22
Summary of Certain Key Terms of Preferred Stock	26
Description of Depositary Shares	26
Description of Purchase Contracts	28
Description of Units	28
Description of Warrants	29
United States Federal Income Tax Considerations	30
Plan of Distribution	30
Legal Opinions	33
Experts	33

Table of Contents

About this prospectus supplement

You should read both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, together with additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" in the accompanying prospectus.

References to "PNC" in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus are references to The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc., specifically, references to "PNC Funding" in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are references to PNC Funding Corp, a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of PNC, specifically, and references to "we," "us" and "our" are references collectively to PNC and PNC Funding. References to "The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis," are specifically made where applicable.

If the information set forth in this prospectus supplement differs in any way from the information set forth in the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information set forth in this prospectus supplement.

Currency amounts in this prospectus supplement are stated in U.S. dollars.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. This prospectus supplement may be used only for the purpose for which it has been prepared. No one is authorized to give information other than that contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference herein and in the accompanying prospectus. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it.

We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell the senior notes in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement or any document incorporated by reference herein or in the accompanying prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date of the applicable document. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date. Neither this prospectus supplement nor the accompanying prospectus constitutes an offer, or an invitation on our behalf or on behalf of the underwriters, to subscribe for and purchase any of the securities and may not be used for or in connection with an offer or solicitation by anyone, in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or solicitation is not authorized or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation.

Forward-looking statements

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including information incorporated in them by reference, has statements regarding our outlook or expectations for earnings, revenues, expenses and/or other matters regarding or affecting PNC that are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "outlook," "estimate," "forecast," "will," "project" and other similar words and expressions. Forward-looking statements are subject to numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties, which change over time. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. We do not assume any duty and do not undertake to update our forward-looking statements. Actual results or future events could differ, possibly materially, from those that we anticipated in our forward-looking statements, and future results could differ materially from our historical performance. Our forward-looking statements are subject to the following principal risks and uncertainties. We provide greater detail regarding some of these factors in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, filed with the

Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and available on the SEC 's website at www.sec.gov, including in the Risk Factors and Risk Management sections of those reports. Our forward-looking statements may also be subject to other risks and uncertainties, including those discussed elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or in our other filings with the SEC.

S-ii

Table of Contents

Our businesses and financial results are affected by business and economic conditions, both generally and specifically in the principal markets in which we operate. In particular, our businesses and financial results may be impacted by:

Changes in interest rates and valuations in the debt, equity and other financial markets.

Disruptions in the liquidity and other functioning of financial markets, including such disruptions in the markets for real estate and other assets commonly securing financial products.

Actions by the Federal Reserve and other government agencies, including those that impact money supply and market interest rates.

Changes in our customers', suppliers' and other counterparties' performance in general and their creditworthiness in particular.

Changes in customer preferences and behavior, whether as a result of changing business and economic conditions or other factors.

Changes resulting from the newly enacted Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008.

A continuation of recent turbulence in significant portions of the US and global financial markets, particularly if it worsens, could impact our performance, both directly by affecting our revenues and the value of our assets and liabilities and indirectly by affecting our counterparties and the economy generally.

Our business and financial performance could be impacted as the financial industry restructures in the current environment, both by changes in the creditworthiness and performance of our counterparties and by changes in the competitive landscape.

Given current economic and financial market conditions, our forward-looking financial statements are subject to the risk that these conditions will be substantially different than we are currently expecting. These statements are based on our current expectations that interest rates will remain low through 2009 with continued wide market credit spreads, and our view that national economic conditions currently point toward a recession followed by a subdued recovery.

Our operating results are affected by our liability to provide shares of BlackRock common stock to help fund certain BlackRock long-term incentive plan (LTIP) programs, as our LTIP liability is adjusted quarterly (marked-to-market) based on changes in BlackRock's common stock price and the number of remaining committed shares, and we recognize gain or loss on such shares at such times as shares are transferred for payouts under the LTIP programs.

Legal and regulatory developments could have an impact on our ability to operate our businesses or our financial condition or results of operations or our competitive position or reputation. Reputational impacts, in turn, could affect matters such as business generation and retention, our ability to attract and retain management, liquidity, and funding. These legal and regulatory developments could include: (a) the unfavorable resolution of legal proceedings or regulatory and other governmental inquiries; (b) increased litigation risk from recent regulatory and other governmental developments; (c) the results of the regulatory examination process, our failure to satisfy the requirements of agreements with governmental agencies, and regulators' future use of supervisory and enforcement tools; (d) legislative and regulatory reforms, including changes to laws and regulations involving tax, pension, education lending, the protection of confidential

customer information, and other aspects of the financial institution industry; and (e) changes in accounting policies and principles.

Our business and operating results are affected by our ability to identify and effectively manage risks inherent in our businesses, including, where appropriate, through the effective use of third-party insurance, derivatives, and capital management techniques.

The adequacy of our intellectual property protection, and the extent of any costs associated with obtaining rights in intellectual property claimed by others, can impact our business and operating results.

Our ability to anticipate and respond to technological changes can have an impact on our ability to respond to customer needs and to meet competitive demands.

S-iii

Table of Contents

Our ability to implement our business initiatives and strategies could affect our financial performance over the next several years.

Competition can have an impact on customer acquisition, growth and retention, as well as on our credit spreads and product pricing, which can affect market share, deposits and revenues.

Our business and operating results can also be affected by widespread natural disasters, terrorist activities or international hostilities, either as a result of the impact on the economy and capital and other financial markets generally or on us or on our customers, suppliers or other counterparties specifically.

Also, risks and uncertainties that could affect the results anticipated in forward-looking statements or from historical performance relating to our equity interest in BlackRock, Inc. are discussed in more detail in BlackRock's filings with the SEC, including in the Risk Factors sections of BlackRock's reports. BlackRock's SEC filings are accessible on the SEC's website and on or through BlackRock's website at www.blackrock.com. This material is referenced for informational purposes only and should not be deemed to constitute a part of this prospectus.

In addition, our planned acquisition of National City Corporation (National City) presents us with a number of risks and uncertainties related both to the acquisition transaction itself and to the integration of the acquired businesses into PNC after closing. These risks and uncertainties include the following:

Completion of the transaction is dependent on, among other things, receipt of regulatory and shareholder approvals, the timing of which cannot be predicted with precision at this point and which may not be received at all. The impact of the completion of the transaction on PNC's financial statements will be affected by the timing of the transaction, including, in particular, the ability to complete the acquisition in the fourth quarter of 2008.

The transaction may be substantially more expensive to complete (including the integration of National City's businesses) and the anticipated benefits, including anticipated cost savings and strategic gains, may be significantly harder or take longer to achieve than expected or may not be achieved in their entirety as a result of unexpected factors or events.

Our ability to achieve anticipated results from this transaction is dependent on the state going forward of the economic and financial markets, which have been under significant stress recently. Specifically, we may incur more credit losses from National City's loan portfolio than expected. Other issues related to achieving anticipated financial results include the possibility that deposit attrition may be greater than expected. Litigation and governmental investigations currently pending against National City, as well as others that may be filed or commenced as a result of this transaction or otherwise, could impact the timing or realization of anticipated benefits to PNC or otherwise adversely impact our financial results.

The integration of National City's business and operations into PNC, which will include conversion of National City's different systems and procedures, may take longer than anticipated or be more costly than anticipated or have unanticipated adverse results relating to National City's or PNC's existing businesses. PNC's ability to integrate National City successfully may be adversely affected by the fact that this transaction will result in PNC entering several markets where PNC does not currently have any meaningful retail presence.

In addition to the planned National City transaction, we grow our business from time to time by acquiring other financial services companies. Acquisitions in general present us with risks, in addition to those presented by the nature

of the business acquired, similar to some or all of those described above relating to the National City acquisition. Our recent acquisition of Sterling Financial Corporation (Sterling) presents regulatory and litigation risks, including as a result of financial irregularities at Sterling s commercial finance subsidiary, that may adversely impact our financial results.

Incorporation of certain documents by reference

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference information in this document. This means that PNC can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this document, except for any information that is superseded by information that is included directly in this document. You may read and copy this information at the

S-iv

Table of Contents

Public Reference Room of the SEC at 100 F Street, NE, Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains an internet website that contains reports, proxy statements and other information about issuers, like us, who file electronically with the SEC. The address of the site is <http://www.sec.gov>. The reports and other information filed by PNC with the SEC are also available at our Internet website, www.pnc.com. We have included the web addresses of the SEC and PNC as inactive textual references only. Except as specifically incorporated by reference into this document, information on those websites is not part of this document.

This document incorporates by reference the documents listed below that we previously filed with the SEC. They contain important information about the company and its financial condition.

Filing	Period or Date Filed
Annual Report on Form 10-K	Year ended December 31, 2007
Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q	Quarters ended March 31, 2008, June 30, 2008 and September 30, 2008
Current Reports on Form 8-K	January 22, 2008, February 4, 2008 (two filings), February 13, 2008, February 19, 2008, February 20, 2008, March 10, 2008, April 18, 2008, April 22, 2008 (with respect to item 8.01), April 28, 2008, May 16, 2008, May 27, 2008, September 9, 2008, September 12, 2008, October 24, 2008, October 30, 2008 and December 2, 2008.

In addition, PNC also incorporates by reference additional documents that we file with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), between the date of this document and the date of the termination of the offer pursuant to this prospectus. These documents include periodic reports, such as Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K, as well as proxy statements.

PNC sold its J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, LLC ("Hilliard Lyons") business on March 31, 2008. Prior to its sale, the results of Hilliard Lyons were included in the Retail Banking business segment in PNC's consolidated financial statements. PNC's consolidated financial statements included in its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended June 30, 2008 and September 30, 2008 reflected the reclassification of results of Hilliard Lyons, including the first quarter 2008 gain on the sale of this business, from the Retail Banking business segment to "Other" for the periods presented. PNC has not restated the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2007 and for the year then ended and has not restated the unaudited consolidated financial statements included in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 to reflect this change in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 131, Disclosure about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information, as it was impractical to do so.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated by reference, or deemed to be incorporated by reference, in this prospectus shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus or in any other subsequently filed document which also is incorporated by reference in this prospectus modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus.

As used in this prospectus, the term "prospectus" means this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference, as the same may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time. Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document referred to in this prospectus do not purport to be complete, and where reference is made to the particular provisions of such contract or other document, such provisions are qualified in all respects by reference to all of the provisions of such contract or other document. We will provide without charge to each person to whom a copy of this prospectus has been delivered, on the written or oral request of such person, a copy of any or all of the documents which have been or may be incorporated in this prospectus by reference (other than exhibits to such documents unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference in any such documents) and a copy of any or all other contracts or documents which are referred to in this prospectus. You may request a copy of these filings at the address and telephone number set forth below.

S-v

Table of Contents

Documents incorporated by reference are available from PNC without charge, excluding any exhibits to those documents unless the exhibit is specifically incorporated by reference as an exhibit in this document. You can obtain documents incorporated by reference in this document by requesting them in writing or by telephone at the following address:

The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.
One PNC Plaza
249 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2707
Attention: Shareholder Services
Telephone: (800) 982-7652
Email: webqueries@computershare.com

S-vi

Table of Contents

Summary

The following information about this offering summarizes, and should be read in conjunction with, the information contained in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus, and the documents incorporated therein by reference.

About The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.

PNC is a bank holding company registered under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, and a financial holding company under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. PNC was incorporated under Pennsylvania law in 1983 with the consolidation of Pittsburgh National Corporation and Provident National Corporation. Since 1983, PNC has diversified its geographic presence, business mix and product capabilities through strategic bank and nonbank acquisitions and the formation of various nonbanking subsidiaries.

PNC is one of the largest diversified financial services companies in the United States based on assets, with businesses engaged in retail banking, corporate and institutional banking, asset management and global investment servicing. PNC provides many of its products and services nationally and others in PNC's primary geographic markets located in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Washington, DC, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and Delaware. PNC also provides certain investment servicing internationally. PNC stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol PNC. As of September 30, 2008, PNC had total consolidated assets of approximately \$145.6 billion, total consolidated deposits of approximately \$85.0 billion and total consolidated shareholders' equity of approximately \$14.2 billion.

PNC is a holding company and services its obligations primarily with dividends and advances that it receives from subsidiaries. PNC's subsidiaries that operate in the banking and securities business can only pay dividends if they are in compliance with the applicable regulatory requirements imposed on them by federal and state bank regulatory authorities and securities regulators. PNC's subsidiaries may be party to credit or other agreements that also may restrict their ability to pay dividends. PNC currently believes that none of these regulatory or contractual restrictions on the ability of its subsidiaries to pay dividends will affect PNC's ability to service its own debt. PNC must also maintain the required capital levels of a bank holding company before it may pay dividends on its stock.

Under the regulations of the Federal Reserve, a bank holding company is expected to act as a source of financial strength for its subsidiary banks. As a result of this regulatory policy, the Federal Reserve might require PNC to commit resources to its subsidiary banks when doing so is not otherwise in the interests of PNC or its shareholders or creditors.

On October 24, 2008, PNC entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger ("Merger Agreement") with National City Corporation ("National City"). The Merger Agreement provides that, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement, National City will merge with and into PNC (the "Merger"), with PNC continuing as the surviving corporation. If the Merger is completed, each share of National City common stock will be converted into 0.0392 of a share of PNC's common stock and certain National City warrant holders will receive approximately \$384 million in cash. Preferred stock of National City will be exchanged for preferred stock issued by PNC having substantially identical terms. Consummation of the Merger is subject to certain customary conditions, including, among others, approval of the shareholders of PNC and National City, governmental filings and regulatory approvals and expiration of applicable waiting periods, accuracy of specified representations and warranties of the other party, and material compliance by the other party with its obligations under the Merger Agreement.

PNC's principal executive offices are located at One PNC Plaza, 249 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2707, and its telephone number is 412-762-2000.

S-1

Table of Contents

The offering

Securities offered	Floating rate senior notes due
Issuer	PNC Funding Corp
Guarantor	The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.
FDIC Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program	This debt is guaranteed under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program and is backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. The details of the FDIC guarantee are provided in the FDIC's regulations, 12 CFR Part 370, and at the FDIC's website, www.fdic.gov/tlgp. The expiration date of the FDIC's guarantee is the earlier of the maturity date of the debt or June 30, 2012. The FDIC guarantee has not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933. In addition, the FDIC guarantee is not entitled to the protections of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.
Aggregate Principal Amount	\$
Maturity Date	
Issue Date	December , 2008
Issue Price	% plus accrued interest, if any, from and including December , 2008
Interest Rate	Floating rate of three month LIBOR plus %
Interest Payment Dates	Each March , June , September and December , commencing March , 2009
Record Dates	Each , , , and
Form	Fully-registered global notes in book-entry form
Denominations	\$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof
Use of proceeds	We estimate that the net proceeds of this offering will be approximately \$. PNC and its subsidiaries expect to use the net proceeds for general corporate purposes.

Table of Contents

Risk factors

Risk Factors Relating to the FDIC Guarantee

Acceleration of the Senior Notes Will Not Be Available if the FDIC Makes Timely Payments. Upon an event of default resulting from our failure to make an interest or principal payment, neither the trustee nor the holders of the senior notes will be entitled to accelerate the maturity of the senior notes, as long as the FDIC makes timely payments on the senior notes. If the FDIC continues to make timely payments then, regardless of any event of default (including a default relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization), neither the trustee nor the holders of the senior notes will be entitled to accelerate the maturity of the senior notes.

Guarantee Payments by the FDIC May Be Delayed. There is no designated period within which the FDIC is required to make the FDIC guarantee payments after it receives a written demand with a conforming proof of claim from the trustee and verifies the same. Therefore, if the FDIC does not timely make the FDIC guarantee payments after it is required to do so, the FDIC guarantee payments on the senior notes could be delayed from the date the payment is due under the terms of the senior notes.

You May Lose the Right to Payment under the FDIC Guarantee If the Trustee Fails to Follow the FDIC Claims Process. In order to recover payment under the FDIC guarantee in the event that we have failed to pay on the senior notes and the PNC guarantee, the trustee must make a written demand, with the required proof of claim, to the FDIC within 60 days of the occurrence of our failure to pay. If the trustee fails to follow the FDIC claims process pursuant to the Program, holders may be deprived of all rights and remedies with respect to the FDIC guarantee claim.

The Determination of the FDIC on any Matter Relating to the FDIC Claims Process Will Be Final and Binding on Holders of the Senior Notes and Us, Subject to Judicial Review. The determination by the FDIC on any matter relating to the FDIC claims process will be a final administrative determination, which will be final and binding on all concerned, including the holders of the senior notes. Holders of the senior notes will have the right to challenge the FDIC's determination only by commencing an action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia or New York within 60 days after the FDIC makes its determination.

The FDIC Guarantee Program Is New and Subject to Change. The FDIC Guarantee Program is new and no claims have been made or paid under it as of the date of this prospectus supplement. The Program is governed by the Final Rule adopted by the FDIC on November 21, 2008, and the Final Rule may be amended and is subject to evolving interpretation by the FDIC after the date of this prospectus supplement. Thus, the ability to obtain payment on the senior notes under the FDIC guarantee is subject to rules, procedures and practices of the FDIC that could be changed at any time and from time to time in the future. The summary of the FDIC guarantee and the risks of investing in reliance on that guarantee, as set forth in this prospectus supplement, is based solely on the Final Rule adopted by the FDIC as of the date of this prospectus supplement.

Use of proceeds

We will apply the net proceeds from the sale of the senior notes for general corporate purposes.

Table of Contents

Certain terms of the senior notes

The senior notes offered by this prospectus supplement will be issued by PNC Funding under an Indenture dated as of December 1, 1991, among PNC, PNC Funding and The Bank of New York Mellon, which was formerly known as The Bank of New York, as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, which was formerly known as The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee, as supplemented by a Supplemental Indenture dated as of February 15, 1993, a Second Supplemental Indenture dated as of February 15, 2000 and a Third Supplemental Indenture to be dated prior to the issue date of the senior notes. References to the Indenture in this section will mean the Indenture as so supplemented. The accompanying prospectus provides a more complete description of the Indenture. The senior notes will be Senior Debt Securities, as such term is defined in the accompanying prospectus. The following description of the particular terms of the senior notes supplements, and to the extent inconsistent therewith replaces, the description of the general terms and provisions of the Senior Debt Securities in the accompanying prospectus, to which description we refer you. The accompanying prospectus sets forth the meaning of certain capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined.

General

The senior notes issued in this offering initially will be limited to \$ aggregate principal amount. The senior notes will mature on .

If PNC Funding becomes obligated to pay additional amounts to non-U.S. investors due to changes in U.S. withholding tax requirements, PNC Funding may redeem the senior notes before their stated maturity at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount redeemed *plus* accrued interest to the redemption date. There is no sinking fund for the senior notes. The senior notes are not convertible into, or exchangeable for, equity securities of PNC or PNC Funding. The senior notes will rank equally with all of PNC Funding's other senior unsecured indebtedness. At September 30, 2008, PNC Funding had \$4.6 billion of senior unsecured indebtedness.

Interest

The senior notes will bear interest at a floating rate of LIBOR plus %. PNC Funding will pay interest on the senior notes quarterly in arrears on the of each March, June, September and December commencing March , 2009, each an interest payment date, and on the maturity date. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year for the actual number of days elapsed.

The interest payable on the senior notes on any interest payment date, subject to certain exceptions, will be paid to the person in whose name the senior notes are registered at the close of business on the 15th calendar day, whether or not a business day, immediately preceding the interest payment date. However, interest that PNC Funding pays on the maturity date will be paid to the person to whom the principal will be payable.

Interest will be payable by wire transfer in immediately available funds in U.S. dollars at the office of the principal paying agent in New York, New York or at PNC Funding's option in the event the senior notes are not represented by Global Notes by check mailed to the address of the person specified for payment in the preceding sentences.

Interest on the senior notes will accrue from and including December , 2008 to, but excluding, the first interest payment date, and then from, and including, the immediately preceding interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for to, but excluding, the next interest payment date or the maturity date, as the case may be. Each of these periods is referred to as an interest period for the senior notes.

The interest rate on the senior notes will be calculated by PNC Bank, National Association, as calculation agent, except that the interest rate in effect for the period from and including December , 2008 to but excluding March , 2009 (the initial interest rate) will be established by PNC Funding as the rate for deposits in U.S. dollars having a maturity of three months commencing on December , 2008 that appears on the Reuters Screen LIBOR01 Page as of 11:00 a.m., London time, on December , 2008. If no rate appears on the Reuters Screen LIBOR01 Page, as specified in the preceding sentence, then the initial interest rate will be determined by PNC Funding in the manner described in clause (ii) of the definition of LIBOR below, except that the banks referred to in such clause will be selected by PNC Funding rather than the calculation agent.

The calculation agent will reset the interest rate with respect to the senior notes on each interest payment date, each of which is referred to as an interest reset date. The second London business day preceding an interest reset

S-4

Table of Contents

date will be the interest determination date for that interest reset date. The interest rate in effect on each date that is not an interest reset date will be the interest rate determined as of the interest determination date pertaining to the immediately preceding interest reset date. The interest rate in effect on any date that is an interest reset date will be the interest rate determined as of the interest determination date pertaining to that interest reset date, except that the interest rate in effect for the period from and including December , 2008 to March , 2009, the initial interest reset date, will be the initial interest rate.

If an interest payment date and an interest reset date for the senior notes (other than an interest payment date at maturity) falls on a day that is not a business day, that interest payment date and interest reset date will be postponed to the following business day, except that if the following business day is in the following calendar month, that interest payment date and interest reset date will be the preceding business day.

If an interest payment date at maturity or the maturity date for the senior notes falls on a day that is not a business day, PNC Funding will postpone the interest payment or the payment of principal and interest at maturity to the next succeeding business day, but the payments made on such dates will be treated as being made on the date that the payment was first due and the holders of the senior notes will not be entitled to any further interest or other payments with respect to such postponements.

When we use the term business day , we mean any day on which dealings in United States dollars are transacted in the London interbank market (a London business day), except a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday in the City of New York or the City of Pittsburgh on which banking institutions are authorized or obligated by law, regulation, or executive order to close.

LIBOR will be determined by the calculation agent in accordance with the following provisions:

(i) With respect to any interest determination date, LIBOR will be the rate for deposits in U.S. dollars having a maturity of three months commencing on the first day of the applicable interest period that appears on the Reuters Screen LIBOR01 Page as of 11:00 a.m., London time, on that interest determination date. If no rate appears on that interest determination date, LIBOR, in respect to that interest determination date, will be determined in accordance with the provisions described in (ii) below.

(ii) With respect to an interest determination date on which no rate appears on the Reuters Screen LIBOR01 Page, as specified in (i) above, the calculation agent will request the principal London offices of each of four major reference banks in the London interbank market, as selected by the calculation agent, to provide the calculation agent with its offered quotation for deposits in U.S. dollars for the period of three months, commencing on the first day of the applicable interest period, to prime banks in the London interbank market at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on that interest determination date and in a principal amount that is representative for a single transaction in U.S. dollars in that market at the time. If at least two quotations are provided, then LIBOR on that interest determination date will be the arithmetic mean of those quotations. If fewer than two quotations are provided, then LIBOR on the interest determination date will be the arithmetic mean (rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one-hundred-thousandth of a percentage point, with five one-millionths of a percentage point rounded upwards) of the rates quoted at approximately 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the interest determination date by three major banks in New York City selected by the calculation agent for loans in U.S. dollars to leading European banks, having a three-month maturity and in a principal amount that is representative for a single transaction in U.S. dollars in that market at that time; provided, however, that if the banks selected by the calculation agent are not providing quotations in the manner described by this sentence, LIBOR for the interest period commencing on the interest reset date following the interest determination date will be LIBOR in effect on that interest determination date.

Reuters Screen LIBOR01 Page means the display page currently so designated on the Reuters Monitor Money Rates service (or such other page as may replace that page on that service or any successor service for the purpose of displaying comparable rates or prices).

S-5

Table of Contents

Defaults

The events of default applicable to the senior notes will be defined as any one of the following events:

- (1) failure (a) by us to pay interest on the senior notes for 30 days after the payment is due and (b) by the FDIC in the payment of interest on any note in accordance with the FDIC's Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program (12 C.F.R. Part 370) described below;
- (2) failure (a) by us to pay the principal of, or premium, if any, on the senior notes when due and (b) by the FDIC in the payment of principal of, or premium, if any, on, any note in accordance with the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program (12 C.F.R. Part 370) described below;
- (3) failure to perform any other covenant or warranty in the indenture that applies to the senior notes for 90 days after we have received written notice of the failure to perform in the manner specified in the indenture; or
- (4) the occurrence of certain events relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of either of us or any principal subsidiary bank.

If any event of default specified in clause (1) or (2) above with respect to the senior notes occurs and is continuing, either the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the outstanding senior notes may declare the principal amount of, premium, if any, and accrued interest on all the senior notes to be due and payable immediately. In case of any other event of default, there is no right to declare the principal amount of, premium, if any, or accrued interest on the senior notes immediately due and payable. As a result, the remedies available to the holders of senior notes and the trustee under the Indenture upon the occurrence of an event of default are substantially limited.

The provisions set forth in this Defaults section supersede the provisions set forth in the accompanying prospectus.

Each series of senior debt securities created pursuant to the Indenture prior to the date hereof that is not subject to an FDIC guarantee permits either the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the outstanding senior debt securities of that series to declare the principal amount of and accrued interest on all senior debt securities of that series to be due and payable immediately upon the occurrence of events of default as defined in the Indenture. As a result of the limited acceleration events described above, the senior notes offered by us pursuant to this prospectus supplement will not have the benefit of the acceleration rights applicable to our other senior debt securities issued prior to the date hereof.

Guarantees of The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.

The senior notes are unconditionally guaranteed by PNC. The PNC guarantee of the senior notes will rank equally with the existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness of PNC. At September 30, 2008, the outstanding senior indebtedness of PNC was approximately \$4.6 billion, which as of that date consisted entirely of the guarantee of senior indebtedness of PNC Funding. The senior notes are not guaranteed by the subsidiaries of PNC. Because PNC is a holding company, the PNC guarantee is effectively subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities (including trade payables and deposits) of PNC's subsidiaries.

Further issuances

PNC Funding may from time to time, without the consent of the holders of the senior notes, create and issue further senior notes having the same terms and conditions as the senior notes equal in rank to the senior notes offered by this

prospectus supplement in all respects (or in all respects except for the payment of interest accruing prior to the issue date of the further senior notes or except in some cases for the first payment of interest following the issue date of the further senior notes). These further senior notes may be consolidated and form a single series with the senior notes and will have the same terms as to status or otherwise as the senior notes.

Delivery and form

The senior notes will be represented by one or more permanent global certificates (each a "Global Note" and collectively, the "Global Notes") deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") and registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee). The senior notes will be available for purchase

S-6

Table of Contents

in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof in book-entry form only. Unless and until certificated senior notes are issued under the limited circumstances described in the accompanying prospectus, no beneficial owner of a senior note shall be entitled to receive a definitive certificate representing senior notes. So long as DTC or any successor depository (collectively, the Depository) or its nominee is the registered owner of the Global Notes, the Depository, or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered to be the sole owner or holder of the senior notes for all purposes of the Indenture. Beneficial interests in the Global Notes will be represented through book-entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of beneficial owners as direct and indirect participants in DTC. Investors may elect to hold interests in the Global Notes through DTC either directly if they are participants in DTC or indirectly through organizations that are participants in DTC.

Clearance and settlement procedures

Initial settlement for the senior notes will be made in immediately available funds. Secondary market trading between DTC participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with DTC rules and will be settled in immediately available funds.

Payment and paying agents

The Bank of New York Mellon will act as PNC Funding's principal paying agent with respect to the senior notes through its offices presently located at 101 Barclay Street-8W, New York, New York 10286. PNC Funding may at any time rescind the designation of a paying agent, appoint a successor paying agent or approve a change in the office through which any paying agent acts. Payments of interest and principal may be made by wire-transfer in immediately available funds in U.S. dollars for senior notes held in book-entry form or, at PNC Funding's option in the event the senior notes are not represented by Global Notes, by check mailed to the address of the person entitled to the payment as it appears in the senior note register. Payment of principal will be made upon the surrender of the relevant senior notes at the offices of the principal paying agent.

Payment of additional amounts

We intend to make all payments on the senior notes without deducting U.S. withholding taxes. If we are required by law to do so on payments to non-U.S. investors, however, we will pay additional amounts on those payments to the extent described in this subsection.

We will pay additional amounts on a senior note only if the beneficial owner of the senior note is a United States alien. The term "United States alien" means any person who, for U.S. federal income tax purposes is:

- a non-resident alien individual;

- a foreign corporation;

- a foreign partnership one or more of the members of which is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, a foreign corporation, a nonresident alien individual or a nonresident alien fiduciary of a foreign estate or trust; or

- a nonresident alien fiduciary of an estate or trust that is not subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis on income or gain from a senior note.

If the beneficial owner of a senior note is a United States alien, we will pay additional amounts that may be necessary so that every net payment of interest or principal on that senior note will not be less than the amount provided for in that senior note. By net payment, we mean the amount we or our paying agent pays after deducting or withholding an

amount for or on account of any present or future tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed with respect to that payment by a U.S. taxing authority.

Our obligation to pay additional amounts is subject to several important exceptions, however. We will **not** pay additional amounts for or on account of any of the following:

any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed solely because at any time there is or was a connection between the beneficial owner or between a fiduciary, settlor, beneficiary or member of the beneficial owner, if the beneficial owner is an estate, trust or partnership and the United States (other than the mere receipt of a payment or the ownership or holding of a senior note), including because the beneficial

S-7

Table of Contents

owner or the fiduciary, settlor, beneficiary or member at any time, for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

is or was a citizen or resident or is or was treated as a resident of the United States;

is or was present in the United States;

is or was engaged in a trade or business in the United States;

has or had a permanent establishment in the United States;

is or was a domestic or foreign personal holding company, a passive foreign investment company or a controlled foreign corporation;

is or was a corporation that accumulates earnings to avoid U.S. federal income tax; or

is or was a ten percent shareholder of PNC Funding Corp.;

any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed solely because of a change in applicable law or regulation, or in any official interpretation or application of applicable law or regulation, that becomes effective more than 15 days after the day on which the payment becomes due or is duly provided for, whichever occurs later;

any estate, inheritance, gift, sales, excise, transfer, wealth or personal property tax, or any similar tax, assessment or other governmental charge;

any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed solely because the beneficial holder or any other person fails to comply with any certification, identification or other reporting requirement concerning the nationality, residence, identity or connection with the United States of the holder or any beneficial owner of the senior note, if compliance is required by statute or by regulation of the U.S. Treasury department or by an applicable income tax treaty to which the United States is a party, as a precondition to exemption from such tax, assessment or other governmental charge;

any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that can be paid other than by deduction or withholding from a payment on the senior notes;

any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed solely because the payment is to be made by a particular paying agent (including PNC Funding) and would not be imposed if made by another paying agent;

by or on behalf of a holder who would be able to avoid withholding or deduction by presenting the senior note to another paying agent in a Member State of the European Union;

any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed solely because the holder (1) is a bank purchasing the senior note in the ordinary course of its lending business or (2) is a bank that is neither (A) buying the senior for investment purposes only nor (B) buying the senior note for resale to a third party that either is not a bank or holding the senior note for investment purposes only; or

any combination of the taxes, assessments or other governmental charges described above.

In addition, we will not pay additional amounts with respect to any payment of principal, or interest to any United States alien who is a fiduciary or a partnership, or who is not the sole beneficial owner of the payment, to the extent that we would not have to pay additional amounts to any beneficiary or settlor of the fiduciary or any member of the partnership, or to any beneficial owner of the payment, if that person or entity were treated as the beneficial owner of the senior note for these purposes.

When we refer to a U.S. taxing authority in this subsection and When we can redeem the Senior Notes below, we mean the United States of America or any state, other jurisdiction or taxing authority in the United States. When we refer to the United States, we mean the United States of America, including the states and the District of Columbia, together with the territories, possessions and all those areas subject to the jurisdiction of the United States of America.

When we refer to any payment of interest or principal on a senior note, this includes any additional amount that may be payable as described above in respect of that payment.

S-8

Table of Contents

When we can redeem the Senior Notes

We will not be permitted to redeem the senior notes before their stated maturity, except as described below. The senior notes will not be entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund that is, we will not deposit money on a regular basis into any separate custodial account to repay your senior note. In addition, you will not be entitled to require us to buy your senior note from you before its stated maturity.

We will be entitled, at our option, to redeem the outstanding senior notes in whole and not in part if at any time we become obligated to pay additional amounts on any senior notes on the next interest payment day, but only if our obligation results from a change in the laws or regulations of any U.S. taxing authority, or from a change in any official interpretation or application of those laws or regulations that becomes effective or is announced on or after December , 2008.

If we redeem the senior notes, we will do so at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the senior notes redeemed, *plus* accrued interest to the redemption date.

If we become entitled to redeem the senior notes, we may do so at any time on a redemption date of our choice. However, we must give the holders of the senior notes being redeemed notice of redemption not less than 30 days or more than 60 days before the redemption date and not more than 90 days before the next date on which we would be obligated to pay additional amounts. In addition, our obligation to pay additional amounts must remain in effect when we give the notice of redemption. We will give the notice in the manner described in the Indenture.

We or our affiliates may purchase senior notes from investors who are willing to sell from time to time, either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. Senior notes that we or our affiliates purchase may, at our or their discretion, be held, resold or cancelled.

FDIC Guarantee under the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program

General

The senior notes are senior unsecured debt obligations of PNC Funding, the PNC guarantee is a senior unsecured debt obligation of The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. and the obligations thereunder are guaranteed by the FDIC, the FDIC guarantee, under the FDIC's Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program, which we refer to as the Program. The details of the FDIC guarantee are provided in the FDIC's regulations, 12 C.F.R. Part 370, which we refer to as the Final Rule, and at the FDIC's website at www.fdic.gov/tlgp (the FDIC's website is not incorporated by reference herein). The FDIC has concluded that the FDIC guarantee is subject to the full faith and credit of the United States pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. However, the FDIC guarantee is subject to certain limitations that you should consider. Before investing in the senior notes, you should read this section carefully, as well as the information under Risk factors Risk Factors Relating to the FDIC Guarantee.

The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. is a U.S. bank holding company that is eligible to participate in the Program. Because PNC issues holding company debt through PNC Funding, PNC requested that the FDIC designate PNC Funding as an eligible entity so that PNC, through PNC Funding, could participate in the Program. As described below under Claims under the Program, under the FDIC guarantee, the uncured failure of PNC Funding and PNC to make a timely payment of any principal or interest under the senior notes and the PNC guarantee obligates the FDIC to make such payment following the trustee's notification to the FDIC of the uncured payment failure.

Prior to the issue date of the senior notes, we will amend the Indenture pursuant to which the senior notes will be issued in order to include the provisions set forth in the Final Rule that are required to be included in the governing

documents of any securities, such as the senior notes, that are guaranteed by the FDIC. In addition, the Final Rule requires entities participating in the Program to execute and file with the FDIC a Master Agreement. Among the terms of the Master Agreement, we will agree to pay the FDIC any amounts it pays to the holders of the senior notes under the FDIC guarantee of the senior notes. In addition, we will agree not to amend or waive any provision of the senior notes required by the Master Agreement with regard to principal, interest, payment, default or ranking without the express written consent of the FDIC.

S-9

Table of Contents

Please note that the Program is new and the rules, procedures and practices of the FDIC governing the operation of the Program, including the FDIC guarantee of the senior notes, may be amended and are subject to evolving interpretation by the FDIC. The following summary is based on the Final Rule adopted by the FDIC on November 21, 2008.

Claims under the Program

The FDIC's payment obligation under the Program will be triggered by our uncured failure to make a timely payment of principal or interest on the senior notes and the PNC guarantee, referred to as a payment default. The trustee is obligated to give notice to the FDIC if we are in default of any payment under the senior notes and the PNC guarantee (without regard to any cure period) within one business day of such payment default. Upon a payment default, the trustee, as duly authorized representative of the holders of the senior notes, will be required, under the terms of the Indenture, to make a demand for payment on the guaranteed amount on behalf of all holders of the senior notes (i) in the case of any payment default prior to maturity or redemption of the senior notes, on the day the applicable cure period ends and (ii) in the case of any payment due on the maturity date or the redemption date for the senior notes, on such maturity date or redemption date. Under the terms of the Program and the Indenture, the demand for payment must be accompanied by a proof of claim, with accompanying evidence, in form and content satisfactory to the FDIC. By virtue of the trustee's capacity to act as representative, the trustee's exclusive authority to act as representative, the occurrence of a payment default and the authority to make an assignment of each noteholder's rights, title and interest in the senior notes and to effect the transfer to the FDIC of each noteholder's claim in an insolvency proceeding. To receive payment under the Program, the trustee, on behalf of the holders of the senior notes, will be required to assign all of the holders' rights, titles and interest in the senior notes to the FDIC and to transfer to the FDIC the holders' claim in any insolvency proceeding. If the FDIC makes payment under the FDIC guarantee on the senior notes upon our failure to pay, the FDIC will be subrogated to the claims of the holders against us to the extent of such payment. If a holder of senior notes receives any distribution from PNC, PNC Funding or its bankruptcy estate prior to the FDIC's payment under the guarantee, the guaranteed amount paid by the FDIC will be reduced by the amount the holder has received in the distribution from PNC, PNC Funding or its bankruptcy estate. Upon receipt of a timely filed conforming proof of claim, the FDIC will make payment of the guaranteed amount.

Under the terms of the Program, if a demand for payment under the FDIC guarantee is not made within 60 days of the occurrence of a payment default, the FDIC will be under no obligation to make the payments on the senior notes under the FDIC guarantee. The Program does not specify a deadline by which the FDIC must make payment following receipt of a proper demand from the trustee. The FDIC will not pay any additional interest or penalty amounts in respect of any event of default or resulting delay in payment that may occur.

Table of Contents

Certain U.S. federal income tax considerations

The following general discussion summarizes the material United States federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the senior notes for United States holders and non-United States holders. This discussion is a summary for general information only and does not consider all aspects of United States federal income taxation that may be relevant to an investor in light of that investor's particular circumstances. This discussion deals only with the senior notes purchased at their original offering price and held as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, referred to in this discussion as the Code, as amended to the date of this prospectus supplement. This summary does not address all of the tax consequences that may be relevant to a holder of the senior notes nor does it address the federal income tax consequences to holders subject to special treatment under the United States federal income tax laws, such as brokers or dealers in securities or currencies, certain securities traders, tax-exempt entities, banks, thrifts, insurance companies, other financial institutions, persons that hold the senior notes as a position in a straddle or as part of a synthetic security, hedging, conversion or other integrated instrument, persons that have a functional currency other than the United States dollar, investors in pass-through entities and certain United States expatriates. Further, this summary does not address:

the income tax consequences to shareholders in, or partners or beneficiaries of, a holder of the senior notes, or any state, local, or foreign tax consequences of the purchase, ownership or disposition of the senior notes.

This discussion is based upon the Code, existing and proposed regulations thereunder, and current administrative rulings and court decisions. All of the foregoing is subject to change, possibly on a retroactive basis, and any such change could affect the continuing validity of this discussion.

Persons considering the purchase, ownership, or disposition of the senior notes are urged to consult their own tax advisors concerning the application of United States federal income tax laws, as well as the laws of any state, local, or foreign taxing jurisdiction.

United States Holders

This subsection describes the tax consequences to United States holders of the senior notes.

For purposes of this discussion, the term United States holder means a beneficial owner of the senior notes that for United States federal income tax purposes is:

a citizen or resident of the United States,

a corporation or other entity taxable as a corporation created or organized under the laws of the United States or any State thereof or the District of Columbia,

an estate the income of which is includible in its gross income for United States federal income tax purposes without regard to its source, or

a trust if (i) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over its administration and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (ii) has a valid election in effect under applicable United States Treasury regulations to be treated as a United States person.

If a partnership holds a senior note, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend upon the status of the partners and upon the activities of the partnership. If you are a partnership holding a senior note, we suggest that you consult a tax advisor.

Payments of Interest

Stated interest paid or accrued on the senior notes will be taxable to you as ordinary income at the time the interest is paid or accrued in accordance with your method of accounting for United States federal income tax purposes.

S-11

Table of Contents

Sale of the Senior Notes

When you dispose of a senior note by sale, exchange or other taxable disposition, you generally will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference, if any, between (i) the amount realized on the disposition (other than amounts attributable to accrued and unpaid interest) and (ii) your tax basis in the senior note. Your tax basis in a senior note generally will equal the cost of the senior note. When a senior note is sold, exchanged or otherwise disposed of between interest payment dates, the portion of the amount realized on the disposition that is attributable to interest accrued to the date of sale but not yet reported as interest income must be reported at the time of sale.

The gain or loss on a senior note generally will constitute capital gain or loss, and will be long-term capital gain or loss if you have held the senior note for longer than one year. Under current law, net capital gains of individuals may be taxed at lower rates than items of ordinary income. Your ability to offset capital losses against ordinary income is limited.

Information reporting and backup withholding

In general, information reporting requirements will apply to payments made on, and proceeds from the sale of, senior notes held by a non-corporate United States holder. Payments made on, and proceeds from the sale of, senior notes held by a United States holder may be subject to a backup withholding tax at a rate that is currently 28% unless the holder complies with certain identification or exemption requirements. Any amount withheld, with respect to a United States holder, will be allowed as a credit against the holder's United States federal income tax liability, or refunded, provided the required information is provided to the Internal Revenue Service.

Non-United States Holders

This subsection describes the tax consequences to non-United States holders of the senior notes. For purposes of this discussion, the term "non-United States holder" means a beneficial owner of the senior notes that for United States federal income tax purposes is:

- an individual that is a nonresident alien,

- a corporation or other entity taxable as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes created under non-United States laws, or

- an estate or trust that is not taxable in the United States on its worldwide income.

United States Federal Withholding Tax

Under United States federal income tax law, and subject to the discussion of backup withholding below, any interest paid to a non-United States holder of the senior notes (including interest paid by the FDIC under the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program) will generally not be subject to United States federal withholding tax if the interest qualifies as portfolio interest. Interest on the senior notes will qualify as portfolio interest if:

- interest paid on the senior notes is not effectively connected with the Non-United States Holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States;

- the Non-United States Holder does not directly or indirectly, actually or constructively, own 10% or more of the total combined voting power of our voting stock within the meaning of the Code and applicable United States Treasury regulations;

the Non-United States Holder is not a controlled foreign corporation that is related to us actually or constructively through stock ownership;

the Non-United States Holder is not a bank whose receipt of interest on the senior notes is described in Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code;

and either (a) the Non-United States Holder provides its name and address on an Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form), and certifies, under penalties of perjury, that it is not a United States person as defined under the Code or (b) the Non-United States Holder holds its senior notes through certain foreign intermediaries and satisfies the certification requirements of applicable United States Treasury regulations. Special certification rules apply to Non-United States Holders that are pass-through entities rather than corporations or individuals.

S-12

Table of Contents

If the Non-United States Holder cannot satisfy the requirements described above, payments of interest made to the Non-United States Holder will be subject to the 30% U.S. federal withholding tax, unless it provides us with a properly executed:

IRS Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form) certifying an exemption from or reduction in withholding under the benefit of an applicable income tax treaty; or

IRS Form W-8ECI (or other applicable form) certifying interest paid on the senior notes is not subject to withholding tax because it is effectively connected with your conduct of a trade or business in the United States (as discussed below under United States federal income tax.

United States Federal Income Tax

If a Non-United States Holder is engaged in a trade or business in the United States and interest on the senior notes is effectively connected with the conduct of that trade or business (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a United States permanent establishment), then the Non-United States Holder will be subject to United States federal income tax on that interest on a net income basis (although it will be exempt from the 30% United States federal withholding tax, provided the certification requirements-discussed above in United States federal withholding tax are satisfied) in generally the same manner as if it were a United States Holder. In addition, if the Non-United States Holder is a foreign corporation, it may be subject to a branch profits tax equal to 30% (or lower applicable income tax treaty rate) of such interest, subject to adjustments.

Any gain realized on the disposition of a senior note generally will not be subject to United States federal income tax unless:

the gain is effectively connected with your conduct of a trade or business in the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a United States permanent establishment); or

the Non-United States Holder is an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of that disposition, and certain other conditions are met.

United States Federal Estate Tax

If a Non-United States Holder is an individual and is not a resident of the United States (as specially defined for United States federal estate tax purposes) at the time of such holder's death, the holder's senior notes will generally not be subject to the United States Federal Estate tax, unless, at the time of the holder's death (i) the Non-United States Holder directly or indirectly, actually or constructively, owns 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all our classes of stock; or (ii) interest on the Non-United States Holder's senior notes is effectively connected with the holder's conduct of a trade or business within the United States.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Principal and interest payments received by a Non-United States Holder will be automatically exempt from the usual rules if the Non-United States Holder is exempt from withholding tax on interest, as described above. The exemption does not apply if the withholding agent or an intermediary knows or has reason to know that the Non-United States Holder should be subject to the usual information reporting or backup withholding rules. In addition, as described above, interest payments made to a Non-United States Holder may be reported to the IRS on Form 1042-S.

Sale proceeds received by a Non-United States Holder on a sale of its senior notes through a broker may be subject to information reporting and/or backup withholding if the Non-United States Holder is not eligible for an exemption. In particular, information reporting and backup reporting may apply if the Non-United States Holder uses the United States office of a broker, and information reporting (but not backup withholding) may apply if the Non-United States Holder uses the foreign office of a broker that has certain connections to the United States. In general, a Non-United States Holder may file Form W-8BEN to claim an exemption from information reporting and backup withholding. We suggest that you consult your tax advisor concerning information reporting and backup withholding on a sale.

Holders of the senior notes should consult their tax advisors regarding the application of information reporting and backup withholding in their particular situations, the availability of an exemption therefrom, and the procedure for obtaining such an exemption, if available.

S-13

Table of Contents**Underwriting**

We are offering the senior notes described in this prospectus supplement through a number of underwriters. Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. are acting as joint book-running managers of the offering and as representatives of the underwriters. We have entered into an underwriting agreement with the underwriters. Subject to the terms and conditions of the underwriting agreement, we have agreed to sell to the underwriters, and each underwriter has severally agreed to purchase, at the public offering price less the underwriting discounts and commissions set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement, the principal amount of senior notes listed next to its name in the following table:

Underwriter	Principal Amount of Senior Notes
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	\$
J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.	
PNC Capital Markets LLC	
Total	\$

The underwriters are committed to purchase all the senior notes offered by us if they purchase any senior notes. The underwriting agreement also provides that if an underwriter defaults, the purchase commitments of non-defaulting underwriters may also be increased or the offering may be terminated.

The underwriters propose to offer the senior notes directly to the public at the initial public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and to certain dealers at that price less a concession not in excess of % of the principal amount of the senior note. Any such dealers may resell senior notes to certain other brokers or dealers at a discount of up to % of the principal amount of the senior note from the initial public offering price. After the initial public offering of the senior notes, the offering price and other selling terms may be changed by the underwriters. Sales of senior notes made outside of the United States may be made by affiliates of the underwriters.

The underwriting fee is equal to the public offering price per senior note less the amount paid by the underwriters to us per senior note. The underwriting fee is \$ per senior note. The following table shows the per note and total underwriting discounts and commissions to be paid to the underwriters.

Per senior note	\$
Total	\$

We estimate that our total expenses of this offering, including registration, filing fees, printing fees and legal and accounting expenses, but excluding underwriting discounts and commissions, will be approximately \$.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933.

There is currently no public trading market for the senior notes. In addition, we have not applied and do not intend to apply to list the senior notes on any securities exchange or to have the senior notes quoted on a quotation system. The underwriters have advised us that they intend to make a market in the senior notes. However, they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue any market-making in the senior notes at any time in their sole discretion. Therefore, we cannot assure you that a liquid trading market for the senior notes will develop, that you will be able to sell your senior notes at a particular time, or that the price you receive when you sell will be favorable. PNC Capital Markets LLC is an affiliate of PNC Funding Corp and The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. The distribution arrangements for this offering comply with the requirements of Rule 2720 of the Conduct Rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) regarding a FINRA member's firm participation in the distribution of securities of an affiliate. In accordance with Rule 2720, no FINRA member firm may make sales in this offering to any discretionary account without the prior approval of the customer. Our affiliates, including PNC Capital Markets LLC and other affiliates may use this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus in connection with offers and sales of the senior notes in the secondary market. These affiliates may act as principal or agent in those transactions. Secondary market sales will be made at prices related to market prices at the time of sale. In connection with this offering of the senior notes, the underwriters may engage in overallotment, stabilizing

S-14

Table of Contents

transactions and syndicate covering transactions in accordance with Regulation M under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Overallotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which create a short position for the underwriters. Stabilizing transactions involve bids to purchase the senior notes in the open market for the purpose of pegging, fixing, or maintaining the price of the senior notes. Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the senior notes in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover short positions. Stabilizing transactions and syndicate covering transactions may cause the price of the senior notes to be higher than it would otherwise be in the absence of those transactions. If the underwriters engage in stabilizing or syndicate covering transactions, they may discontinue them at any time.

Certain of the underwriters and their affiliates have provided in the past to us and our affiliates and may provide from time to time in the future certain commercial banking, financial advisory, investment banking and other services for us and such affiliates in the ordinary course of their business, for which they have received and may continue to receive customary fees and commissions. In particular, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. have advised our board of directors in connection with the National City merger. In addition, from time to time, certain of the underwriters and their affiliates may effect transactions for their own account or the account of customers, and hold on behalf of themselves or their customers, long or short positions in our debt or equity securities or loans, and may do so in the future.

Other than in the United States, no action has been taken by us or the underwriters that would permit a public offering of the securities offered by this prospectus supplement in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. The securities offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, nor may this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any other offering material or advertisements in connection with the offer and sale of any such securities be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of that jurisdiction. Persons into whose possession this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus comes are advised to inform themselves about and to observe any restrictions relating to the offering and the distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or a solicitation is unlawful.

Australia

This document has not been lodged with the Australian Securities & Investments Commission and is only directed to certain categories of exempt persons. Accordingly, if you receive this document in Australia:

a. you confirm and warrant that you are either:

i. a sophisticated investor under section 708(8)(a) or (b) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) of Australia (Corporations Act);

ii. a sophisticated investor under section 708(8)(c) or (d) of the Corporations Act and that you have provided an accountant's certificate to the company which complies with the requirements of section 708(8)(c)(i) or (ii) of the Corporations Act and related regulations before the offer has been made;

iii. a person associated with the company under section 708(12) of the Corporations Act; or

iv. a professional investor within the meaning of section 708(11)(a) or (b) of the Corporations Act, and, to the extent that you are unable to confirm or warrant that you are an exempt sophisticated investor, associated person or

professional investor under the Corporations Act, any offer made to you under this document is void and incapable of acceptance.

b. you warrant and agree that you will not offer any of the senior notes issued to you pursuant to this document for resale in Australia within 12 months of those senior notes being issued unless any such resale offer is exempt from the requirement to issue a disclosure document under section 708 of the Corporations Act.

S-15

Table of Contents

Austria

This document serves marketing purposes and constitutes neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation to buy any securities. There is no intention to make a public offer in Austria. Should a public offer be made in Austria, a prospectus prepared in accordance with the Austrian Capital Market Act will be published.

The senior notes may only be offered in the Republic of Austria in compliance with the provisions of the Austrian Capital Market Act and any other laws applicable in the Republic of Austria governing the offer and sale of the senior notes in the Republic of Austria. The senior notes are not registered or otherwise authorized for public offer under the Capital Market Act or any other relevant securities legislation in Austria. The recipients of this prospectus and other selling materials in respect to the senior notes have been individually selected and identified before the offer being made and are targeted exclusively on the basis of a private placement. Accordingly, the senior notes may not be, and are not being, offered or advertised publicly or offered similarly under either the Capital Market Act or any other relevant securities legislation Austria. This offer may not be made to any other persons than the recipients to whom this document is personally addressed. This prospectus and other selling materials in respect to the senior notes may not be issued, circulated or passed on in Austria to any person except under circumstances neither constituting a public offer of, nor a public invitation to subscribe for, the senior notes. This prospectus has been issued to each prospective investor for its personal use only. Accordingly, recipients of this prospectus are advised that this prospectus and any other selling materials in respect to the senior notes shall not be passed on by them to any other person in Austria.

European Economic Area

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State), from and including the date on which the European Union Prospectus Directive (the EU Prospectus Directive) is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the Relevant Implementation Date) no underwriter has made or will make an offer of securities described in this prospectus to the public in that Relevant Member State, except that an underwriter may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such securities to the public in that Relevant Member State at any time:

to legal entities which are authorized or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorized or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;

to any legal entity which has two or more of (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than 43,000,000 and (3) an annual net turnover of more than 50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts;

to fewer than 100 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the EU Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the book-running managers for any such offer; or

in any other circumstances falling within Article 3 of the EU Prospectus Directive;

provided that no such offer of the securities shall require us or any underwriter to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the EU Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an offer of securities to the public in relation to any securities in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the securities to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the securities, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the EU Prospectus Directive in that Member State and the expression European Union Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC and

includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State.

France

This prospectus has not been prepared in the context of a public offering of securities in France (*appel public à l'épargne*) within the meaning of Article L.411-1 and *seq.* of the French *Code monétaire et financier* and Articles 211-1 and *seq.* of the *Autorité des marchés financiers* (AMF) regulations and has therefore not been submitted to the AMF for prior approval or otherwise. The senior notes have not been offered or sold and will not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, to the public in France and neither this prospectus nor any other offering material relating to the securities has been distributed or caused to be distributed or will be distributed or caused to

S-16

Table of Contents

be distributed to the public in France, except only to persons licensed to provide the investment service of portfolio management for the account of third parties and/or to qualified investors (as defined in Article L.411-2, D.411-1 and D.411-2 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*) and/or to a limited circle of investors (as defined in Article L.411-2, D.411-4 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*) on the condition that neither this prospectus nor any other offering material relating to the securities shall be delivered by then to any person nor reproduced (in whole or in part). Such qualified investors are notified that they must act in that connection for their own account in accordance with the terms set out by Article L.411-2 of the French *Code monétaire et financier* and by Article 211-4 of the AMF Regulations and may not re-transfer, directly or indirectly, the securities in France, other than in compliance with applicable laws and regulations and in particular those relating to a public offering (which are, in particular, embodied in Articles L.411-1, L.412-1 and L.621-8 and *seq.* of the French *Code monétaire et financier*).

Germany

Any offer or solicitation of securities within Germany must be in full compliance with the German Securities Prospectus Act (*Wertpapierprospektgesetz WpPG*). The offer and solicitation of securities to the public in Germany requires the approval of the prospectus by the German Federal Financial Services Supervisory Authority (*Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht BaFin*). This prospectus has not been and will not be submitted for approval to the BaFin. This prospectus does not constitute a public offer under the German Securities Prospectus Act (*Wertpapierprospektgesetz*). This prospectus and any other document relating to the senior notes, as well as any information contained therein, must therefore not be supplied to the public in Germany or used in connection with any offer for subscription of the senior notes to the public in Germany, any public marketing of the senior notes or any public solicitation for offers to subscribe for or otherwise acquire the senior notes. The prospectus and other offering materials relating to the offer of the senior notes are strictly confidential and may not be distributed to any person or entity other than the designated recipients hereof.

Hong Kong

The senior notes have not been offered or sold and will not be offered or sold in Hong Kong, by means of any document, other than (a) to professional investors as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made under that Ordinance; or (b) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a prospectus as defined in the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance. No advertisement, invitation or document, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) has been issued or will be issued in Hong Kong or elsewhere other than with respect to the senior notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made under that Ordinance.

The contents of this document have not been reviewed by any regulatory authority in Hong Kong. You are advised to exercise caution in relation to the offer. If you are in any doubt about any of the contents of this document, you should obtain independent professional advice.

Italy

The offering of the senior notes has not been registered with the *Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa* (CONSOB), in accordance with Italian securities legislation. Accordingly, the senior notes may not be offered or sold, and copies of this offering document or any other document relating to the senior notes may not be distributed in Italy except to Qualified Investors, as defined in Article 2, paragraph 2, letter e), (i), (ii) and (iii) of EU Directive 2003/71/EC or in any other circumstance where an express exemption to comply with public offering restrictions

provided by Legislative Decree no. 58 of February 24, 1998 (the Consolidated Financial Act) or CONSOB Regulation no. 11971 of May 14, 1999, as amended (the Issuers Regulation) applies, including those provided for under Article 100 of the Finance Law and Article 33 of the Issuers Regulation, and provided, however, that any such offer or sale of the senior notes or distribution of copies of this offering document or any other document relating to the senior notes in Italy must (i) be made in accordance with all applicable Italian laws and regulations, (ii) be conducted in accordance with any relevant limitations or procedural requirements that CONSOB may impose upon the offer or sale of the senior notes, and (iii) be made only by (a) banks, investment firms or

S-17

Table of Contents

financial companies enrolled in the special register provided for in Article 107 of Legislative Decree no. 385 of September 1, 1993, to the extent duly authorized to engage in the placement and/or underwriting of financial instruments in Italy in accordance with the Consolidated Financial Act and the relevant implementing regulations; or (b) foreign banks or financial institutions (the controlling shareholding of which is owned by one or more banks located in the same EU Member State) authorized to place and distribute securities in the Republic of Italy pursuant to Articles 15, 16 and 18 of the Banking Act, in each case acting in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Japan

Our securities have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (the FIEL) and our securities will not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in Japan, or to, or for the account or benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan, or to or for the account or benefit of any resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEL and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

Korea

The senior notes may not be offered, sold and delivered directly or indirectly, or offered or sold to any person for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Korea or to any resident of Korea except pursuant to the applicable laws and regulations of Korea, including the Securities and Exchange Act and the Foreign Exchange Transaction Law and the decrees and regulations thereunder. The senior notes have not been registered with the Financial Supervisory Commission of Korea for public offering in Korea. Furthermore, the senior notes may not be re-sold to Korean residents unless the purchaser of the senior notes complies with all applicable regulatory requirements (including but not limited to government approval requirements under the Foreign Exchange Transaction Law and its subordinate decrees and regulations) in connection with the purchase of the senior notes.

Malaysia

The offer of securities in Malaysia constitutes or relates to an excluded offer, excluded invitation or excluded issue pursuant to Section 229 and Section 230 of the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 and as a consequence: (i) no prospectus is required to be registered with the Securities Commission of Malaysia; (ii) any document(s) which purport to describe the business and affairs of The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. (the issuer) in respect of the offer or issue of securities will constitute an information memorandum; and (iii) a copy of the information memorandum is required to be deposited by The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. with the Securities Commission of Malaysia within seven days after it is first issued in Malaysia.

The distribution in Malaysia of this prospectus (Documents), constituting the information memorandum, is subject to Malaysian laws. Save as aforementioned, no action has been taken in Malaysia under its securities laws in respect of the Documents. The Documents do not constitute and may not be used for the purpose of a public offering or an issue, offer for subscription or purchase, invitation to subscribe for or purchase any securities requiring the approval of the Securities Commission or registration of a prospectus with the Securities Commission in Malaysia under the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007.

The Netherlands

The senior notes may not, directly or indirectly, be offered or acquired in the Netherlands and this prospectus may not be circulated in the Netherlands, as part of an initial distribution or any time thereafter, other than to individuals or

(legal) entities who or which qualify as qualified investors within the meaning of Article 1:1 of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*) as amended from time to time.

People's Republic of China

This prospectus has not been and will not be circulated or distributed in the People's Republic of China, or PRC. None of the securities have been offered or sold, and will not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, to any person for re-offering or resale to any resident of the PRC except pursuant to applicable laws and regulations of the PRC. For the purposes of this paragraph, the PRC does not include Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan.

S-18

Table of Contents

Poland

This document and any related documents have not been approved in Poland and may not be, by any means or in any manner, distributed or circulated or communicated to, and the securities may not be offered or sold to, any member of the public in Poland other than qualified investors defined in Art. 8 of the Act of 29 July 2005 on Public Offers and the Conditions of Introducing Financial Instruments to an Organized Trading System and on Public Companies, or investors each of whom acquires securities whose value, as calculated according to their issue or sale price, is not less than 50,000 or the Polish Zloty equivalent calculated on the basis of the average euro exchange rate published by the National Bank of Poland on the pricing date.

No permit has been obtained from the Polish Financial Supervisory Commission (the FSC) in relation to the issue of the senior notes nor has the issue of the senior notes been notified to the FSC in accordance with applicable procedures. Accordingly, the senior notes may not be publicly offered in Poland, as defined in the Polish Act on Public Offerings and on the Conditions of Introducing Financial Instruments to an Organized Trading System and on Public Companies of 29 July 2005 (as amended) as an offering to sell or purchase of securities, made in any form and by any means, if the offering is directed at 100 or more people or at an unnamed addressee (a Public Offering). Each Investor confirms that it is aware that no such permit has been obtained nor such notification made, and represents that it has not offered, sold or delivered and shall not offer, sell or deliver the senior notes in Poland in the manner defined as a Public Offering as part of their initial distribution or otherwise to residents of Poland or in Poland. Each Investor acknowledges that the acquisition and holding of the senior notes by residents of Poland may be subject to restrictions imposed by Polish law (including foreign exchange regulations), and that the offers and sales of the senior notes to Polish residents or in Poland in secondary trading may also be subject to restrictions.

Singapore

The offer or invitation which is the subject of this document is only allowed to be made to the persons set out herein. Moreover, this document is not a prospectus as defined in the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the SFA) and accordingly, statutory liability under the SFA in relation to the content of this document will not apply.

As this document has not been and will not be lodged with or registered as a document by the Monetary Authority of Singapore, this document and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the senior notes may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the senior notes be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than: (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA; (ii) to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA; or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the senior notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person who is:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary is an accredited investor,

shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest in that trust shall not be transferable for six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the common stock under Section 275 of the SFA except:

(1) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or to any person pursuant to an offer that is made on terms that such shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or such rights and interest in that trust are acquired at a consideration of not less than S\$200,000 (or its equivalent foreign currency) for each transaction, whether such amount is to be paid for in cash or by exchange of securities or other assets;

(2) where no consideration is given for the transfer; or

(3) by operation of law.

S-19

Table of Contents

By accepting this document, the recipient hereof represents and warrants that he is entitled to receive such report in accordance with the restrictions set forth above and agrees to be bound by the limitations contained herein. Any failure to comply with these limitations may constitute a violation of law.

Spain

Neither our securities nor this prospectus have been approved or registered in the administrative registries of the Spanish National Securities Exchange Commission (*Comision Nacional del Mercado de Valores*). Accordingly, the securities may not be offered in Spain except in circumstances which do not constitute a public offer of securities in Spain within the meaning of articles 30bis of the Spanish Securities Market Law of 29 July 1988 (*Ley 24/1988, de 28 de Julio, del Mercado de Valores*), as amended and restated, and supplemental rules enacted thereunder.

Switzerland

This document does not constitute a prospectus within the meaning of Art. 652a of the Swiss Code of Obligations. The senior notes may not be sold directly or indirectly in or into Switzerland except in a manner which will not result in a public offering within the meaning of the Swiss Code of Obligations. Neither this document nor any other offering materials relating to the senior notes may be distributed, published or otherwise made available in Switzerland except in a manner which will not constitute a public offer of the senior notes in Switzerland.

Certain of the underwriters and their affiliates have provided in the past to us and our affiliates and may provide from time to time in the future certain commercial banking, financial advisory, investment banking and other services for us and such affiliates in the ordinary course of their business, for which they have received and may continue to receive customary fees and commissions. In addition, from time to time, certain of the underwriters and their affiliates may effect transactions for their own account or the account of customers, and hold on behalf of themselves or their customers, long or short positions in our debt or equity securities or loans, and may do so in the future.

United Kingdom

This document is only being distributed to and is only directed at (i) persons who are outside the United Kingdom or (ii) to investment professionals falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (the Order) or (iii) high net worth entities, and other persons to whom it may lawfully be communicated, falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order (all such persons together being referred to as relevant persons). The securities are only available to, and any invitation, offer or agreement to subscribe, purchase or otherwise acquire such securities will be engaged in only with, relevant persons. Any person who is not a relevant person should not act or rely on this document or any of its contents.

Table of Contents

Legal matters

The legal opinion required to be furnished by PNC pursuant to the underwriting agreement, dated the date of this prospectus supplement, among PNC and the underwriters will be rendered by George P. Long, III, Esq., Senior Counsel and Corporate Secretary of PNC. Mr. Long beneficially owns or has rights to acquire, an aggregate of less than 1% of PNC's common stock. The underwriters are represented by Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, 825 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York 10019.

S-21

Table of Contents

Experts

The consolidated financial statements of PNC and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2007 and for the year ended December 31, 2007 and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007 incorporated in this prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The consolidated financial statements of PNC and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2006 and for the years ended December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005 of PNC incorporated in this prospectus by reference from PNC's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which is incorporated herein by reference (which report expresses an unqualified opinion on the consolidated financial statements and includes explanatory paragraphs relating to the restatement of the consolidated statements of cash flows, PNC's adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 158, *Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans—an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106, and 132(R)* and PNC's use of the equity method of accounting to recognize its investment in BlackRock, Inc.) and have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of National City Corporation and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2007 and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of National City Corporation as of December 31, 2007 appearing in the Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 2, 2008 filed by PNC have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

Table of Contents

THE PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP, INC.

Common Stock
Preferred Stock
Purchase Contracts
Units
Warrants
Guarantees
Depository Shares

PNC FUNDING CORP

Debt Securities
Warrants

We may offer, in one or more offerings, debt securities, common stock, preferred stock, purchase contracts, units, warrants, guarantees, and depository shares. We may also issue common stock, preferred stock, or debt securities upon the conversion, exchange or exercise of certain of the securities listed above. When we decide to sell a particular series of securities, we will provide the specific terms of the securities to be offered in a term sheet free writing prospectus, in a prospectus supplement and/or in reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act and referenced in a prospectus supplement. When we use the term prospectus supplement, we mean the term sheet free writing prospectus, prospectus supplement and/or Securities Exchange Act reports referenced in a prospectus supplement which describe the specific terms of a specific offering of securities.

You should read this prospectus, including the section entitled Risk Factors on page 2, and the applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest.

The common stock of The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol PNC.

These securities are not savings or deposit accounts or other obligations of any bank, and they are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other insurer or governmental agency.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission, nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined whether this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is January 10, 2007.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page
<u>About this Prospectus</u>	1
<u>Where You Can Find More Information</u>	1
<u>Risk Factors</u>	2
<u>The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.</u>	2
<u>PNC Funding Corp.</u>	3
<u>Consolidated Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Consolidated Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends</u>	3
<u>Use of Proceeds</u>	3
<u>Description of Debt Securities and Guarantees</u>	3
<u>Description of Common Stock</u>	19
<u>Description of Preferred Stock</u>	22
<u>Summary of Certain Key Terms of Preferred Stock</u>	26
<u>Description of Depositary Shares</u>	26
<u>Description of Purchase Contracts</u>	28
<u>Description of Units</u>	28
<u>Description of Warrants</u>	29
<u>United States Federal Income Tax Considerations</u>	30
<u>Plan of Distribution</u>	30
<u>Legal Opinions</u>	33
<u>Experts</u>	33

Table of Contents

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we refer to as the SEC, using a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may from time to time sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. We may sell these securities either separately or in units. We also may issue common stock, preferred stock, or debt securities upon the conversion, exchange or exercise of certain of the securities described in this prospectus.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain or refer to a report containing specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update, or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with the additional information described below under the heading **Where You Can Find More Information**.

The registration statement that contains this prospectus, including the exhibits to the registration statement and the information incorporated by reference, contains additional information about the securities offered under this prospectus. That registration statement can be read at the SEC web site or at the SEC office mentioned below under the heading **Where You Can Find More Information**.

Following the initial distribution of an offering of securities, PNC Capital Markets LLC, J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, Inc. and other affiliates of ours may offer and sell those securities in secondary market transactions. PNC Capital Markets LLC, J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, Inc. and other affiliates of ours may act as a principal or agent in these transactions. This prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement will also be used in connection with these transactions. Sales in any of these transactions will be made at varying prices related to prevailing market prices and other circumstances at the time of sale.

No person is authorized to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or the applicable prospectus supplement, and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorized. This prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the securities described in the applicable prospectus supplement or an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy such securities in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful.

Neither the delivery of this prospectus or the applicable prospectus supplement, nor any sale made hereunder and thereunder, shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in our affairs since the date of this prospectus or that the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or the applicable prospectus supplement is correct as of any time subsequent to the date of such information.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. files annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy this information and the registration statement at the SEC's Public Reference Room, located at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 800-SEC-0330.

You may also obtain copies of this information by mail from the Public Reference Section of the SEC, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates.

The SEC also maintains an Internet World Wide Web site that contains reports, proxy statements and other information about issuers, like us, who file electronically with the SEC. The address of that site is <http://www.sec.gov>. You can also inspect reports, proxy statements and other information about us at the offices of The New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The

Table of Contents

information incorporated by reference is considered part of this prospectus, except for any information that is superseded by information that is included directly in this document or in a later filed document.

This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents listed below that PNC previously filed with the SEC. They contain important information about us.

Company SEC Filings

Period

Annual Report on Form 10-K

Year ended December 31, 2005

Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q

Period ended March 31, 2006, June 30, 2006 and September 30, 2006

Current Reports on Form 8-K

Date of event: January 20, 2006 (with respect to item 1.01); February 14, 2006; February 15, 2006; March 21, 2006; April 25, 2006; September 8, 2006; September 22, 2006; September 29, 2006; October 4, 2006; October 8, 2006; November 15, 2006; December 5, 2006; December 6, 2006; December 14, 2006; and January 4, 2007

We incorporate by reference additional documents that we may file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a), 14, and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 between the date of this prospectus and the termination of the offering of the securities to be issued under the registration statement, or if later until the date on which any of our affiliates cease offering and selling these securities. Any report, document or portion thereof that is furnished to, but not filed with, the SEC is not incorporated by reference.

You can obtain any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus from us without charge, excluding any exhibits to those documents unless the exhibit is specifically incorporated by reference in the document. You can obtain documents incorporated by reference by requesting them from us. Requests for such documents should be directed to: Computershare Investor Services, LLC, 250 Royall Street, Canton, MA 02021, or via email at web.queries@computershare.com, or by calling 800-982-7652. You can also obtain these documents on or through our internet website at www.pnc.com.

RISK FACTORS

We are subject to a number of risks potentially impacting our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. For a detailed description of the potential risks, see Part I, Item 1A of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and any updates in Part II, Item 1A of a subsequently filed Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, which reports are incorporated herein by reference. See **Where You Can Find More Information** in this Prospectus.

THE PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP, INC.

In this prospectus, we use **PNC** to refer to The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. specifically, **PNC Funding** to refer to PNC Funding Corp specifically; and **we** or **us** to refer collectively to PNC and PNC Funding. References to The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, are specifically made where applicable.

PNC is a bank holding company registered under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, and a financial holding company under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. PNC was incorporated under Pennsylvania law in

1983 with the consolidation of Pittsburgh National Corporation and Provident National Corporation. Since 1983, PNC has diversified its geographic presence, business mix and product capabilities through strategic bank and nonbank acquisitions and the formation of various nonbanking subsidiaries.

PNC is one of the largest diversified financial services companies in the United States based on assets, operating businesses engaged in retail banking, corporate and institutional banking, asset management and global fund processing services. We provide many of our products and services nationally and others in our primary geographic markets located in Pennsylvania; New Jersey; the greater Washington, DC area, including Maryland and

Table of Contents

Virginia; Ohio; Kentucky; and Delaware. We also provide certain global fund processing services internationally. At September 30, 2006, PNC's consolidated assets, deposits, and shareholders' equity were \$98.4 billion, \$64.6 billion, and \$10.8 billion, respectively.

PNC's principal executive offices are located at One PNC Plaza, 249 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2707, and its telephone number is 412-762-2000.

PNC FUNDING CORP

PNC Funding is a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of PNC. PNC Funding was incorporated under Pennsylvania law in 1972 and is engaged in financing the activities of PNC and its subsidiaries through the issuance of commercial paper and other debt guaranteed by PNC.

PNC Funding's principal executive offices are located at One PNC Plaza, 249 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2707, and its telephone number is 412-762-2000.

CONSOLIDATED RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND CONSOLIDATED RATIO OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS

Our consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges and earnings to fixed charges and preferred stock dividends are provided in exhibits 12.1 and 12.2 of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and exhibits 12.1 and 12.2 of the most recent subsequently filed Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, if any, which reports are incorporated herein by reference. See "Where You Can Find More Information."

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will apply the net proceeds from the sale of the securities for general corporate purposes, which may include:

- advances to PNC (in the case of PNC Funding) and its subsidiaries to finance their activities,
- financing of possible future acquisitions,
- repayment of outstanding indebtedness, and
- repurchases of issued and outstanding shares of common and/or preferred stock under authorized programs of PNC.

Until we use the net proceeds for these purposes, we will use the net proceeds to reduce our short term indebtedness or for temporary investments. We expect that we may from time to time engage in additional financings of a character and in amounts to be determined.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES AND GUARANTEES

This section describes the general terms and provisions of the debt securities that PNC Funding may offer, and the guarantees of those debt securities by PNC. The debt securities may be either senior debt securities, subordinated debt securities or convertible senior debt securities. The prospectus supplement will describe the specific terms of the debt securities and guarantees offered through that prospectus supplement and any general terms outlined in this section

that will not apply to those debt securities and guarantees.

The debt securities will be issued under:

an indenture, dated as of December 1, 1991, as supplemented by a supplemental indenture dated as of February 15, 1993, and a second supplemental indenture dated as of February 15, 2000, a copy of which has been filed with the SEC. The Bank of New York, successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., successor to The Chase Manhattan Bank, formerly known as Chemical Bank, successor by merger to the Manufacturers

Table of Contents

Hanover Trust Company, is the trustee under the indenture, unless a different trustee for a series of debt securities is named in the prospectus supplement; or

in the case of convertible senior debt securities, an indenture, dated as of June 30, 2005, with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as trustee, for convertible senior debt securities.

For each series of debt securities, a supplemental indenture may be entered into among PNC Funding, PNC and the trustee or such other trustee as may be named in the prospectus supplement relating to that series of debt securities.

We have summarized the material terms and provisions of the indentures in this section. We encourage you to read the indentures for additional information before you buy any debt securities. The summary that follows includes references to section numbers of the indentures so that you can more easily locate these provisions. If the section reference to each indenture is the same, you will see one parenthetical reference. If the section references differ, the second parenthetical refers to the new indenture under which the convertible senior debt securities can be issued. Differences between the indentures are also discussed, where applicable. Because the convertible debt securities will be senior debt securities, the indenture under which the senior convertible debt securities may be issued does not include sections discussing subordination and the related definitions.

Debt Securities in General

The debt securities will be unsecured obligations of PNC Funding. The indenture does not limit the amount of debt securities that we may issue from time to time in one or more series. (Section 3.01) The indenture provides that debt securities may be issued up to the principal amount authorized by us from time to time. (Section 3.01) Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement for a particular series of debt securities, we may reopen a previous issue of a series of debt securities and issue additional debt securities of that series.

We will specify in the prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of debt securities being offered the terms relating to the offering. The terms may include:

the title and type of the debt securities,

the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities,

the purchase price of the debt securities,

the date or dates on which debt securities may be issued,

the date or dates on which the principal of and premium on the debt securities will be payable,

if the debt securities will be interest bearing:

the interest rate on the debt securities or the method by which the interest rate may be determined,

the date from which interest will accrue,

the record and interest payment dates for the debt securities,

the first interest payment date,

any circumstances under which we may defer interest payments,

the place or places where the principal of, and premium and interest on, the debt securities will be payable,

any optional redemption provisions that would permit us or the holders of debt securities to redeem the debt securities before their final maturity,

any sinking fund provisions that would obligate us to redeem the debt securities before their final maturity,

the denominations in which the debt securities shall be issued, if issued in denominations other than \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof,

Table of Contents

the portion of the principal amount of the debt securities that will be payable upon an acceleration of the maturity of the debt securities,

whether payment of the principal of, premium, and interest on, the debt securities will be with or without deduction for taxes, assessments or governmental charges, and with or without reimbursement of taxes, assessments or governmental charges paid by holders,

any events of default which will apply to the debt securities that differ from those contained in the indenture,

whether the debt securities will be issued in registered form or in bearer form, or in both registered form and bearer form,

the currency or currencies in which the debt securities will be denominated, payable, redeemable or repurchaseable,

whether the debt securities are convertible and the terms and conditions applicable to conversion, including the conversion price or rate at which shares of PNC common stock will be delivered, the circumstances in which such price or rate will be adjusted, the conversion period, and other conversion terms and provisions,

whether the debt securities of such series will be issued as a global security and, if so, the identity of the depositary for such series,

any trustees, paying agents, transfer agents or registrars for the debt securities,

any special federal income tax considerations applicable to the debt securities, and

any other terms of such debt securities.

We intend for any subordinated debt securities offered to be included as regulatory capital under Federal Reserve Board interpretations.

If any of the debt securities are sold for, or if the principal of or any interest on any series of debt securities is payable in, foreign currencies or foreign currency units, the relevant restrictions, elections, tax consequences, specific terms and other information will be set forth in the prospectus supplement.

Although the indenture provides that we may issue debt securities in registered form, with or without coupons, or in bearer form, each series of debt securities will be issued in fully registered form unless the prospectus supplement provides otherwise. Debt securities that are not registered as to interest will have coupons attached, unless issued as original issue discount securities. The indenture under which convertible senior debt securities may be issued does not provide for the issuance of securities with coupons.

The principal of, and premium and interest on, fully registered securities will be payable at the place of payment designated for such securities and stated in the prospectus supplement. PNC Funding also has the right to make interest payments by check mailed to the holder at the holder's registered address. The principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on any debt securities in other forms will be payable in the manner and at the place or places as may be designated by PNC Funding and specified in the prospectus supplement. (Sections 3.01 and 5.01) (Sections 3.01 and 10.01)

You may exchange or transfer the debt securities at the corporate trust office of the trustee for the series of debt securities or at any other office or agency maintained by us for those purposes. You may transfer bearer debt securities by delivery. We will not require payment of a service charge for any transfer or exchange of the debt securities, but PNC Funding may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any applicable tax or other governmental charge. (Section 3.05)

Unless the prospectus supplement provides otherwise, each series of the debt securities will be issued only in denominations of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof and payable in dollars. (Section 3.02) Under the indenture, however, debt securities may be issued in any denomination and payable in a foreign currency or currency unit. (Section 3.01)

We may issue debt securities with original issue discount. Original issue discount debt securities bear no interest or bear interest at below-market rates and will be sold below their stated principal amount. The prospectus

Table of Contents

supplement will describe any special federal income tax consequences and other special considerations applicable to any securities issued with original issue discount.

Senior Debt Securities

The senior debt securities, including convertible senior debt securities, will rank equally with all senior indebtedness of PNC Funding.

Senior indebtedness of PNC Funding means the principal of, and premium and interest on, (i) all indebtedness for money borrowed of PNC Funding whether outstanding on the date of execution of the indenture or thereafter created, assumed or incurred, and (ii) any deferrals, renewals or extensions of any such indebtedness. The following indebtedness of PNC Funding, however, is not considered to be senior indebtedness of PNC Funding:

67/8% Subordinated Notes Due 2007,

61/2% Subordinated Notes Due 2008,

61/8% Subordinated Notes Due 2009,

7.50% Subordinated Notes Due 2009, and

51/4% Subordinated Notes Due 2015.

The 9.65% Subordinated Notes Due 2009, which are obligations of PNC, are also not considered senior indebtedness of PNC.

The term indebtedness for money borrowed means:

any obligation of, or any obligation guaranteed by, PNC Funding for the repayment of money borrowed, whether or not evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other written instruments,

any capitalized lease obligation, and

any deferred obligation for payment of the purchase price of any property or assets. (Section 1.01)

There is no limitation on PNC Funding creating, incurring or issuing additional senior indebtedness.

Subordinated Debt Securities

The subordinated debt securities will rank equally with all other unsecured subordinated indebtedness of PNC Funding. The subordinated debt securities will be subordinated in right of payment to all senior indebtedness of PNC Funding. (Section 12.01) In certain events of insolvency of PNC Funding, the subordinated debt securities will also be effectively subordinated in right of payment to all other company obligations and will be subject to an obligation of PNC Funding to pay any excess proceeds (as defined in the indenture) to creditors in respect of any unpaid other company obligations. (Section 12.13).

Other company obligations means obligations of PNC Funding associated with derivative products such as interest rate and currency exchange contracts, foreign exchange contracts, commodity contracts, or any similar arrangements, unless the instrument by which PNC Funding incurred, assumed or guaranteed the obligation expressly provides that it

is subordinate or junior in right of payment to any other indebtedness or obligations of PNC Funding. (Section 1.01)

Upon the liquidation, dissolution, winding up, or reorganization of PNC Funding, PNC Funding must pay to the holders of all senior indebtedness of PNC Funding the full amounts of principal of, and premium and interest on, that senior indebtedness before any payment is made on the subordinated debt securities. If, after PNC Funding has made those payments on the senior indebtedness:

(i) there are amounts available for payment on the subordinated debt securities (as defined in the indenture, excess proceeds), and (ii) at such time, any creditors in respect of other company obligations have not received their full payments, then

PNC Funding shall first use such excess proceeds to pay in full all such other company obligations before PNC Funding makes any payment in respect of the subordinated debt securities. (Section 12.02)

Table of Contents

In addition, PNC Funding may not make any payment on the subordinated debt securities in the event:

PNC Funding has failed to make full payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on any senior indebtedness of PNC Funding, or

any event of default with respect to any senior indebtedness of PNC Funding has occurred and is continuing, or would occur as a result of such payment on the subordinated debt securities. (Section 12.03)

Because of the subordination provisions and the obligation to pay excess proceeds, in the event of insolvency, holders of the subordinated debt securities may recover less, ratably, than holders of senior indebtedness of PNC Funding and other company obligations and other creditors of PNC Funding. (Sections 12.01, 12.02, 12.03, and 12.13)

PNC Funding's obligations under the subordinated debt securities will rank equally in right of payment with each other, subject to the obligations of the holders of subordinated debt securities to pay over any excess proceeds to creditors in respect of other company obligations as provided in the indenture. (Section 12.13)

Guarantees in General

PNC will unconditionally guarantee the due and punctual payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the debt securities when and as the same shall become due and payable, whether at maturity, upon redemption or otherwise. (Section 3.12) (Section 3.11)

PNC is a holding company that conducts substantially all its operations through subsidiaries. As a result, claims of the holders of the guarantees will generally have a junior position to claims of creditors of PNC's subsidiaries (including, in the case of any bank subsidiary, its depositors), except to the extent that PNC may itself be a creditor with recognized claims against the subsidiary. In addition, there are certain regulatory and other limitations on the payment of dividends and on loans and other transfers of funds to PNC by its bank subsidiaries.

Guarantees of Senior Debt Securities

The guarantees of senior debt securities, including convertible senior debt securities, will rank equally with all senior indebtedness of PNC.

Senior indebtedness of PNC means the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, (i) all indebtedness for money borrowed of PNC, whether outstanding on the date of execution of the indenture or thereafter created, assumed or incurred, and (ii) any deferrals, renewals or extensions of any such indebtedness of PNC. (Section 1.01) PNC's guarantee of the following indebtedness of PNC Funding outstanding as of the date of this prospectus, however, is not considered to be senior indebtedness of PNC:

67/8% Subordinated Notes Due 2007,

61/2% Subordinated Notes Due 2008,

61/8% Subordinated Notes Due 2009,

7.50% Subordinated Notes Due 2009, and

51/4% Subordinated Notes Due 2015.

The 9.65% Subordinated Notes Due 2009, which are obligations of PNC, are also not considered senior indebtedness of PNC.

The term indebtedness for money borrowed means

any obligation of, or any obligation guaranteed by, PNC for the repayment of money borrowed, whether or not evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other written instruments,

any capitalized lease obligation, and

any deferred obligation for payment of the purchase price of any property or assets. (Section 1.01)

Table of Contents

Senior indebtedness of PNC includes PNC's guarantee of the following senior notes of PNC Funding:

Floating Rate Senior Notes Due 2008,

4.2% Senior Notes Due 2008,

4.5% Senior Notes Due 2010, and

5.13% Senior Notes Due 2010.

Floating Rate Exchangeable Senior Notes Due 2036

Senior indebtedness of PNC also includes PNC's guarantee of any outstanding commercial paper issued by PNC Funding. At September 30, 2006 PNC Funding had no outstanding commercial paper. There is no limitation under the indenture on the issuance of additional senior indebtedness of PNC.

Guarantees of Subordinated Debt Securities

The guarantees of the subordinated debt securities (subordinated guarantees) will be subordinated in right of payment to all senior indebtedness of PNC. (Section 12.04) In certain events of insolvency of PNC, the subordinated guarantees will also be effectively subordinated in right of payment to all other guarantor obligations (as defined in the indenture). (Section 12.05) Other guarantor obligations means obligations of PNC associated with derivative products such as interest rate and currency exchange contracts, foreign exchange contracts, commodity contracts or any similar arrangements, unless the instrument by which PNC incurred, assumed or guaranteed the obligation expressly provides that it is subordinate or junior in right of payment to any other indebtedness or obligations of PNC. (Section 1.01) At September 30, 2006, there were no other guarantor obligations of PNC.

Upon the liquidation, dissolution, winding up, or reorganization of PNC, PNC must pay to the holders of all senior indebtedness of PNC the full amounts of principal of, and premium and interest on, that senior indebtedness before any payment is made on the subordinated debt securities. If, after PNC has made those payments on the senior indebtedness:

(i) there are amounts available for payment on the subordinated debt securities (as defined in the indenture, excess proceeds), and (ii) at such time, any creditors in respect of other guarantor obligations have not received their full payments, then

PNC shall first use such excess proceeds to pay in full all such other guarantor obligations before PNC makes any payment in respect of the subordinated debt securities. (Section 12.05)

In addition, PNC may not make any payment on the subordinated debt securities in the event:

PNC has failed to make full payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on any senior indebtedness of PNC, or

any event of default with respect to any senior indebtedness of PNC has occurred and is continuing, or would occur as a result of such payment on the subordinated debt securities. (Section 12.06)

Because of the subordination provisions and the obligation to pay excess proceeds, in the event of insolvency, holders of subordinated guarantees of PNC may recover less, ratably, than holders of senior indebtedness of PNC, other guarantor obligations and existing guarantor subordinated indebtedness (as defined in the indenture) and other creditors of PNC. (Section 3.12, 12.04, 12.05, 12.06 and 12.14)

As provided in the indenture, in the event of insolvency of PNC, the holders of the subordinated guarantees are subject to an obligation to pay any excess proceeds to creditors in respect of any unpaid other guarantor obligations (as defined in the indenture).

The subordinated guarantees will also rank equally in right of payment with PNC's guarantee of the following subordinated notes of PNC Funding as of the date of this prospectus:

67/8% Subordinated Notes Due 2007,

61/2% Subordinated Notes Due 2008,

Table of Contents

61/8% Subordinated Notes Due 2009,

7.50% Subordinated Notes Due 2009, and

51/4% Subordinated Notes Due 2015.

The subordinated guarantees will also rank equally with the 9.65% Subordinated Notes Due 2009 which are obligations of PNC.

As with holders of the subordinated guarantees, the holders of the foregoing guarantees of the subordinated notes of PNC Funding are subject to an obligation to pay any excess proceeds to creditors in respect of any unpaid other guarantor obligations. Therefore, in the event of insolvency of PNC, holders of the subordinated guarantees will recover the same, ratably, as holders of PNC's guarantees of such subordinated notes of PNC Funding.

PNC's junior subordinated debentures, discussed on pages 20 and 22, rank junior to the subordinated guarantees.

Effect of Subordination Provisions

By reason of the subordination provisions described above and as described more fully in the applicable prospectus supplement, in the event of insolvency of PNC Funding, holders of subordinated notes may recover less, ratably, than holders of senior indebtedness of PNC Funding and other company obligations. Holders of subordinated notes may also recover less, ratably, than other creditors of PNC Funding. Similarly, holders of subordinated guarantees may recover less, ratably, than holders of senior indebtedness of PNC and other guarantor obligations, and may also recover less, ratably, than holders of other creditors of PNC.

Certain Covenants

The indenture contains certain covenants that impose various restrictions on us and, as a result, afford the holders of debt securities certain protections. Although statements have been included in this prospectus as to the general purpose and effect of the covenants, investors must review the full text of the covenants to be able to evaluate meaningfully the covenants.

Restriction on Sale or Issuance of Voting Stock of a Principal Subsidiary Bank

The covenant described below is designed to ensure that, for so long as any senior debt securities or convertible senior debt securities are issued and outstanding, PNC will continue directly or indirectly to own and thus serve as the holding company for its principal subsidiary banks. When we use the term principal subsidiary banks, we mean each of:

PNC Bank, National Association (PNC Bank),

any other subsidiary bank the consolidated assets of which constitute 20% or more of the consolidated assets of PNC and its subsidiaries,

any other subsidiary bank designated as a principal subsidiary bank by the board of directors of PNC, or

any subsidiary that owns any voting shares or certain rights to acquire voting shares of any principal subsidiary bank, and their respective successors, provided any such successor is a subsidiary bank or a subsidiary, as

appropriate.

As of the date hereof, our only principal subsidiary banks are PNC Bank and its parent, PNC Bancorp, Inc.

The indenture prohibits PNC, unless debtholder consent is obtained from the holders of senior debt securities and convertible senior debt securities, from:

selling or otherwise disposing of, and permitting a principal subsidiary bank to issue, voting shares or certain rights to acquire voting shares of a principal subsidiary bank,

permitting the merger or consolidation of a principal subsidiary bank with or into any other corporation, or

permitting the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all the assets of any principal subsidiary bank, if, after giving effect to any one of such transactions and the issuance of the maximum number of voting

Table of Contents

shares issuable upon the exercise of all such rights to acquire voting shares of a principal subsidiary bank, PNC would own directly or indirectly less than 80% of the voting shares of such principal subsidiary bank.

These restrictions do not apply to:

transactions required by any law, or any regulation or order of any governmental authority,

transactions required as a condition imposed by any governmental authority to the acquisition by PNC, directly or indirectly, or any other corporation or entity if thereafter,

PNC would own at least 80% of the voting shares of the other corporation or entity,

the consolidated banking assets of PNC would be at least equal to those prior thereto, and

the board of directors of PNC shall have designated the other corporation or entity a principal subsidiary bank,

transactions that do not reduce the percentage of voting shares of such principal subsidiary bank owned directly or indirectly by PNC, and

transactions where the proceeds are invested within 180 days after such transaction in any one or more subsidiary banks.

The indenture, however, does permit the following:

the merger of a principal subsidiary bank with and into a principal subsidiary bank or PNC,

the consolidation of principal subsidiary banks into a principal subsidiary bank or PNC, or

the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of any principal subsidiary bank to another principal subsidiary bank or PNC,

Ownership of PNC Funding

The indenture contains a covenant that, so long as any of the debt securities are outstanding, PNC will continue to own, directly or indirectly, all of the outstanding voting shares of PNC Funding. (Section 5.07) (Section 10.07)

Restriction on Liens

The purpose of the restriction on liens covenant is to preserve PNC's direct or indirect interest in voting shares of principal subsidiary banks free of security interests of other creditors. The covenant permits certain specified liens and liens where the senior debt securities are equally secured. The indenture prohibits PNC and its subsidiaries from creating or permitting any liens (other than certain tax and judgment liens) upon voting shares of any principal subsidiary bank to secure indebtedness for borrowed money unless the senior debt securities are equally and ratably secured. Notwithstanding this prohibition, PNC may create or permit the following:

purchase money liens and liens on voting shares of any principal subsidiary bank existing at the time such voting shares are acquired or created within 120 days thereafter,

the acquisition of any voting shares of any principal subsidiary bank subject to liens at the time of acquisition or the assumption of obligations secured by a lien on such voting shares,

under certain circumstances, renewals, extensions or refunding of the liens described in the two preceding bullets, and

liens to secure loans or other extensions of credit under Section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act or any successor or similar federal law or regulation. (Section 5.08) (Section 10.08)

Consolidation or Merger

The covenant described below protects the holders of debt securities upon certain transactions involving PNC Funding or PNC by requiring any successor to PNC Funding or PNC to assume the predecessor's obligations under

Table of Contents

the indenture. In addition, the covenant prohibits such transactions if they would result in an event of default, a default or an event which could become an event of default or a default under the indenture. PNC Funding or PNC may consolidate with, merge into, or transfer substantially all of its properties to, any other corporation organized under the laws of any domestic jurisdiction, if:

the successor corporation assumes all obligations of PNC Funding or PNC, as the case may be, under the debt securities and the guarantees and under the indenture and for convertible debt securities provides for conversion rights in accordance with the terms of the indenture,

immediately after the transaction, no event of default or default, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time, would become an event of default or default, exists, and

certain other conditions are met. (Sections 10.01 and 10.03) (Sections 8.01 and 8.03)

The indenture does not limit our ability to enter into a highly leveraged transaction or provide you with any special protection in the event of such a transaction.

Modification and Waiver

We and the trustee may modify the indenture with the consent of the holders of the majority in aggregate principal amount of outstanding debt securities of each series affected by the modification. The following modifications and amendments, however, will not be effective against any holder without the holder's consent:

change the stated maturity of any payment of principal or interest,

reduce the principal amount of, or the premium, if any, or the interest on such debt security,

reduce the portion of the principal amount of an original issue discount debt security, payable upon acceleration of the maturity of that debt security,

change the place or places where, or the currency in which, any debt security or any premium or interest is payable,

impair the right of the holder to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or with respect to any debt security,

reduce the percentage in principal amount of debt securities necessary to modify the indenture or the percentage in principal amount of outstanding debt securities necessary to waive compliance with conditions and defaults under the indenture, or

modify or affect the terms and conditions of the guarantees in any manner adverse to the holder. (Section 9.02)

We and the trustee may modify and amend the indenture without the consent of any holder of debt securities for any of the following purposes:

to evidence the succession of another corporation to PNC Funding or PNC,

to provide for the acceptance of appointment of a successor trustee,

to add to the covenants of PNC Funding or PNC for the benefit of the holders of debt securities,

to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency in the indenture, if such action does not adversely affect the holders of debt securities in any material respect,

to secure the debt securities under applicable provisions of the indenture,

to establish the form or terms of debt securities,

to permit the payment in the United States of principal, premium or interest on unregistered securities, or

to provide for the issuance of uncertificated debt securities in place of certificated debt securities.
(Section 9.01)

Table of Contents

In addition, the holders of a majority in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of any series may, on behalf of all holders of that series, waive compliance with certain covenants, including those described under the captions above entitled Restriction on Sale or Issuance of Voting Stock of a Principal Subsidiary Bank, Ownership of PNC Funding and Restriction on Liens. (Section 5.09) (Section 10.09) No waiver by the holders of any series of subordinated debt securities is required with respect to the covenant described under the caption above entitled Restriction on Sale or Issuance of Voting Stock of a Principal Subsidiary Bank. (Section 5.10) Covenants concerning the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the debt securities, compliance with the terms of the indenture, maintenance of an agency, and certain monies held in trust may only be waived pursuant to a supplemental indenture executed with the consent of each affected holder of debt securities. The covenant concerning certain reports required by federal law may not be waived.

Events of Default, Defaults, Waivers

The indenture defines an event of default with respect to any series of senior debt securities as being any one of the following events unless such event is specifically deleted or modified in connection with the establishment of the debt securities of a particular series:

failure to pay interest on such series for 30 days after the payment is due,

failure to pay the principal of or premium, if any, on such series when due,

failure to deposit any sinking fund payment with respect to such series when due,

failure to perform any other covenant or warranty in the indenture that applies to such series for 90 days after we have received written notice of the failure to perform in the manner specified in the indenture,

the occurrence of certain events relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of either of us or any principal subsidiary bank, or

any other event of default specified in the supplemental indenture under which such senior debt securities are issued or in the form of security for such securities. (Section 7.01(a)) (Section 5.01)

The indenture defines an event of default with respect to any series of subordinated debt securities as certain events involving the bankruptcy or reorganization of PNC or any principal subsidiary bank, or any other event of default specified in the supplemental indenture under which such subordinated debt securities are issued or in the form of securities for such series. (Section 7.01(b)) There is no right of acceleration in the case of events involving the bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of PNC Funding or of a default in the payment of principal, interest, premium, if any, or any sinking fund payment with respect to a series of subordinated debt securities or in the case of a default in the performance of any other covenant of PNC Funding or PNC in the indenture. Accordingly, payment of principal of any series of subordinated debt may be accelerated only in the case of the bankruptcy or reorganization of PNC or any principal subsidiary bank.

If an event of default occurs and is continuing with respect to any series of debt securities, either the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of that series may declare the principal of such series (or if debt securities of that series are original issue discount securities, a specified amount of the principal) to be due and payable immediately. Subject to certain conditions, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series may rescind such declaration and waive certain defaults. Prior to any declaration of acceleration, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the

applicable series may waive any past default or event of default, except a payment default, or a past default or event of default in respect of a covenant or provision of the indenture which cannot be modified without the consent of the holder of each outstanding debt security affected. (Sections 7.02, 7.08 and 7.13) (Sections 5.02, 5.08 and 5.13)

The indenture defines a default with respect to any series of subordinated debt securities as being any one of the following events unless such event is specifically deleted or modified in connection with the establishment of the debt securities of a particular series:

failure to pay interest on such series for 30 days after the payment is due,

Table of Contents

failure to pay the principal of or premium, if any, on such series when due,

failure to perform any other covenant or warranty in the indenture that applies to such series for 90 days after we have received written notice of the failure to perform in the manner specified in the indenture,

any other event of default specified in the supplemental indenture under which such subordinated debt securities are issued or in the form of security for such securities, or

events involving the bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of PNC Funding. (Section 7.01(c))

A breach of the covenant described under the caption above entitled **Restriction on Sale or Issuance of Voting Stock of a Principal Subsidiary Bank** will not result in a default with respect to any series of subordinated debt securities. (Sections 7.01(b) and (c))

Other than its duties in the case of an event of default or a default, the trustee is not obligated to exercise any of the rights or powers in the indenture at the request or direction of holders of debt securities unless such holders offer the trustee reasonable security or indemnity. If reasonable indemnification is provided, then, subject to the other rights of the trustee, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee with respect to debt securities of such series. (Sections 8.03 and 7.12) (Sections 6.03 and 5.12)

The indenture provides that if default is made on payment of interest and continues for a 30 day period or if default is made on payment of principal of any debt security of any series, PNC Funding will, upon demand of the trustee, pay to it, for the benefit of the holder of any such debt security, the whole amount then due and payable on such debt security for principal and interest. The indenture further provides that if PNC Funding fails to pay such amount immediately upon such demand, the trustee may, among other things, institute a judicial proceeding for its collection. (Section 7.03) (Section 5.03)

The indenture requires us to furnish annually to the trustee certificates as to the absence of any default under the indenture. The trustee may withhold notice to the holders of debt securities of any default (except in payment of principal, premium, if any, interest or sinking fund installment) if the trustee determines that the withholding of the notice is in the interest of those holders. (Sections 5.04 and 8.02) (Sections 10.04 and 6.02)

The holder of any debt security of any series may institute any proceeding with respect to the indenture or for any remedy thereunder if:

a holder previously has given the trustee written notice of a continuing event of default or default with respect to debt securities of that series,

the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series have made a written request, and offered reasonable indemnity, to the trustee to institute such proceeding,

the trustee has not received directions inconsistent with such request from the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series, and

the trustee has not started such proceeding within 60 days after receiving the request. (Section 7.07) (Section 5.07)

The holder of any debt security will have, however, an absolute right to receive payment of the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on such debt security when due and to institute suit to enforce any such payment. (Section 7.08) (Section 5.08)

Convertibility

The convertible senior debt securities may, at the option of the holder, be converted into common stock of PNC in accordance with the term of such series. You should refer to the applicable prospectus supplement for a description of the specific conversion provisions and terms of any series of convertible senior debt securities that we may offer by that prospectus supplement. These terms and provisions may include:

the title and specific designation of the convertible debt securities;

Table of Contents

the terms and conditions upon which conversion of the convertible debt securities may be effected, including the conversion price or rate, the conversion period and other conversion provisions;

any circumstances in which the conversion price or rate will be adjusted;

the terms and conditions on which we may, or may be required to, redeem the convertible debt securities;

the place or places where we must pay the convertible debt securities and where any convertible debt securities issued in registered form may be sent for transfer, conversion or exchange; and

any other terms of the convertible debt securities and any other deletions from or modifications or additions to the indenture in respect of the convertible debt securities.

Defeasance

Senior and Subordinated Debt Securities Other than Convertible Senior Debt Securities

In the case of debt securities other than convertible senior debt securities and except as may otherwise be provided in any applicable prospectus supplement, the indenture provides that we will be discharged from our obligations under the debt securities of a series at any time prior to the stated maturity or redemption thereof when we have irrevocably deposited in trust with the trustee money and/or government securities which through the payment of principal and interest in accordance with their terms will provide sufficient funds, without reinvestment, to repay in full the debt securities of such series. Deposited funds will be in the currency or currency unit in which the debt securities are denominated. Deposited government securities will be direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are fully guaranteed by, the government which issued the currency in which the debt securities are denominated, and which are not subject to prepayment, redemption or call. Upon such discharge, the holders of the debt securities of such series will no longer be entitled to the benefits of the indenture, except for the purposes of registration of transfer and exchange of the debt securities of such series, and replacement of lost, stolen or mutilated debt securities, and may look only to such deposited funds or obligations for payment. (Sections 11.01 and 11.02)

For federal income tax purposes, the deposit and discharge may, depending on a variety of factors, result in a taxable gain or loss being recognized by the holders of the affected debt securities. You are urged to consult your own tax advisers as to the specific consequences of such a deposit and discharge, including the applicability and effect of tax laws other than federal income tax laws.

Convertible Senior Debt Securities

We may choose to defease the convertible senior debt securities in one of two ways as follows. If we do so choose, we will state that in the prospectus supplement.

(1) *Full Defeasance.* We may terminate or defease our obligations under the indenture of any series of convertible senior debt securities, provided that certain conditions are met, including:

we must irrevocably deposit in trust for the benefit of all holders, a combination of U.S. dollars or U.S. government obligations, specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal and any other payments on the debt securities on their applicable due dates;

there must be a change in current federal tax law or an IRS ruling that lets us make the above deposit without causing you to be taxed on your security any differently than if we did not make the deposit and just repaid the security. Under current tax law you could recognize gain or loss; and

an opinion of independent counsel shall have been delivered to the trustee to the effect that the holders of the debt securities of such series will have no federal income tax consequences as a result of such deposit and termination and that if the securities are listed on the NYSE they will not be delisted.

If we ever fully defease your debt security, you will have to rely solely on the trust deposit for payments on your debt security. You could not look to us for repayment in the unlikely event of any shortfall. Conversely, the trust deposit

Table of Contents

would most likely be protected from claims of our lenders and other creditors if we ever became bankrupt or insolvent. Your right to convert your debt security remains after defeasance.

(2) *Covenant Defeasance.* Under current federal tax law, we can make the same type of deposit described above and be released from some of the restrictive covenants relating to your debt security. This is called covenant defeasance. In that event, you would lose the protection of those restrictive covenants but would gain the protection of having money and securities set aside in trust to repay your debt security. In order to achieve covenant defeasance, we must do the following:

deposit in trust for the benefit of the holders of the debt securities a combination of U.S. dollars and U.S. government obligations specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal and any other payments on the debt securities on their applicable due dates; and

deliver to the trustee a legal opinion of our counsel confirming that under current federal income tax law we may make the above deposit without causing you to be taxed on your debt security any differently than if we did not make the deposit and just repaid the debt security ourselves. (Sections 13.01-13.06)

Governing Law

The indenture provides that the debt securities and the guarantees will be governed by, and construed, in accordance with, the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. (Section 1.13) (Section 1.12).

Global Securities

Book-Entry System

We may issue the debt securities of a series in whole or in part in the form of a global security that will be deposited with a depository. The depository will be The Depository Trust Company (DTC), unless otherwise identified in the prospectus supplement relating to the series. A global security may be issued as either a registered or unregistered security and in either temporary or permanent form. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for individual certificates evidencing debt securities in definitive form represented thereby, a global security may not be transferred except as a whole by the depository for such global security or any nominee thereof to a successor of such depository or a nominee of such successor. (Section 2.05).

If DTC is the depository for a series of debt securities, the series will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully registered global security will be issued for the series of debt securities, in the aggregate principal amount of the series, and will be deposited with DTC. If, however, the aggregate principal amount of the series of debt securities exceeds \$400 million, one global security will be issued with respect to each \$400 million of principal amount and an additional global security will be issued with respect to any remaining principal amount of the series.

DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a clearing agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds securities that its participants (direct participants) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among direct participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in direct participants' accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct participants

include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is owned by a number of its direct participants and by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange LLC and the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD). Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a direct participant, either directly or indirectly (indirect participants). The rules applicable to DTC and its participants are on file with the SEC. Purchases of a series of debt securities under the DTC system must be made by or through direct participants, which

Table of Contents

will receive a credit for the debt securities on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each debt security (beneficial owner) is in turn to be recorded on the direct participants' and indirect participants' records. Beneficial owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase, but beneficial owners are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the direct participants or indirect participants through which the beneficial owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the debt securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of the direct participants or indirect participants acting on behalf of beneficial owners. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the global security or global securities, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the series of debt securities is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all global securities deposited by direct participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co. or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of global securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has advised us that DTC will have no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the global securities, and that DTC's records reflect only the identity of the direct participants to whose accounts global securities are credited, which may or may not be the beneficial owners. The direct participants and indirect participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to direct participants, by direct participants to indirect participants and by direct participants and indirect participants to beneficial owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

To the extent any series of debt securities is redeemable, redemption notices will be sent to DTC. If less than all of the debt securities within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each direct participant in such issue to be redeemed. The applicable prospectus supplement for a series of debt securities will indicate whether such series is redeemable.

To the extent applicable, neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor such other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to any global securities deposited with it. Under its usual procedures, DTC will mail an omnibus proxy to the issuer as soon as possible after the record date. The omnibus proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those direct participants to whose accounts the debt securities are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the omnibus proxy).

Principal and interest payments on the global securities deposited with DTC will be made to Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit direct participants' accounts, upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the issuer, on the payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as in the case of securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in street name, and will be the responsibility of such participant and not DTC or PNC Funding, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) will be the responsibility of the trustee, who unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, will be PNC Funding's paying agent. Disbursement of such payments to direct participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to beneficial owners will be the responsibility of direct participants and indirect participants. None of PNC Funding, PNC, the trustee, any paying agent, or the registrar for the debt securities will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests of the global security or global securities for any series of debt securities or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial

interests.

If DTC is at any time unwilling, unable or ineligible to continue as the depositary and a successor depositary is not appointed by PNC Funding within 90 days, PNC Funding will issue certificated debt securities for each series in definitive form in exchange for each global security. If PNC Funding determines not to have a series of debt securities represented by a global security, which it may do, it will issue certificated debt securities for such series in definitive form in exchange for the global security. In either instance, a beneficial owner will be entitled to physical

Table of Contents

delivery of certificated debt securities for such series in definitive form equal in principal amount to such beneficial owner's beneficial interest in the global security and to have such certificated debt securities for such series registered in such beneficial owner's name. Certificated debt securities so issued in definitive form will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof and will be issued in registered form only, without coupons.

Beneficial interests in the global debt securities will be represented through book-entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of beneficial owners as direct and indirect participants in DTC. If so stated in the relevant prospectus supplement, beneficial owners may elect to hold interests in the debt securities through either DTC (in the United States) or Clearstream Banking S.A., or Clearstream, Luxembourg formerly Cedelbank, or through Euroclear Bank S.A./ N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System, or Euroclear (in Europe), either directly if they are participants of such systems or indirectly through organizations that are participants in such systems. Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear will hold interests on behalf of their participants through customers' securities accounts in Clearstream, Luxembourg's and Euroclear's names on the books of their U.S. depositaries, which in turn will hold such interests in customers' securities accounts in the U.S. depositaries' names on the books of DTC.

Clearstream, Luxembourg has advised us that it is incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg as a bank. Clearstream, Luxembourg holds securities for its customers and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between its customers through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of its customers, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates. Clearstream, Luxembourg provides to its customers, among other things, services for safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Clearstream, Luxembourg interfaces with domestic markets in over 30 countries. As a bank, Clearstream, Luxembourg is subject to regulation by the Luxembourg Commission for the Supervision of the Financial Sector (Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier). Clearstream, Luxembourg customers are recognized financial institutions around the world, including securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and other organizations, and may include the underwriters. Clearstream's U.S. customers are limited to securities brokers and dealers and banks. Indirect access to Clearstream, Luxembourg is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with Clearstream, Luxembourg customers either directly or indirectly.

Euroclear has advised us that it was created in 1968 to hold securities for participants of Euroclear and to clear and settle transactions between Euroclear participants through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and any risk from lack of simultaneous transfer of securities and cash. Euroclear includes various other services, including securities lending and borrowing and interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. Euroclear is operated by the Euroclear Bank S.A./ N.V. (the Euroclear Operator), under contract with Euroclear Clearance Systems, S.C., a Belgian cooperative corporation (the Cooperative). All operations are conducted by the Euroclear Operator, and all Euroclear securities clearance accounts and Euroclear cash accounts are accounts with the Euroclear Operator, not the Cooperative. The Cooperative establishes policy for Euroclear on behalf of Euroclear participants. Euroclear participants include banks (including central banks), securities brokers and dealers and other professional financial intermediaries and may include the underwriters. Indirect access to Euroclear is also available to other firms that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Euroclear participant, either directly or indirectly.

The Euroclear Operator has advised us as follows: Under Belgian law, beneficial owners that are credited with securities on the records of the Euroclear Operator have a co-proprietary right in the fungible pool of interests in securities on deposit with the Euroclear Operator in an amount equal to the amount of interests in securities credited to their accounts. In the event of the insolvency of the Euroclear Operator, Euroclear participants would have a right under Belgian law to the return of the amount and type of interests in securities credited to their accounts with the Euroclear Operator. If the Euroclear Operator did not have a sufficient amount of interests in securities on deposit of a particular type to cover the claims of all participants credited with such interests in securities on the Euroclear

Operator's records, all participants having an amount of interests in securities of such type credited to their accounts with the Euroclear Operator would have the right under Belgian law to the return of their pro rata share of the amount of interests in securities actually on deposit. Euroclear has further advised that beneficial owners that acquire, hold and transfer interests in the debt securities by book-entry through accounts with the Euroclear Operator or any other securities intermediary are subject to the laws and contractual provisions governing their

Table of Contents

relationship with their intermediary, as well as the laws and contractual provisions governing the relationship between such an intermediary and each other intermediary, if any, standing between themselves and the global securities.

Under Belgian law, the Euroclear Operator is required to pass on the benefits of ownership in any interests in securities on deposit with it (such as dividends, voting rights and other entitlements) to any person credited with such interests in securities on its records.

We have provided the descriptions of the operations and procedures of DTC set forth in *Book-Entry System* and elsewhere herein, and the descriptions of the operations and procedures of DTC, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear solely as a matter of convenience. These operations and procedures are solely within the control of those organizations and are subject to change by them from time to time. We and the paying agent do not take any responsibility for these operations or procedures, and you are urged to contact DTC, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear or their participants directly to discuss these matters.

The laws of some jurisdictions may require that purchasers of securities take physical delivery of those securities in definitive form. Accordingly, the ability to transfer interests in the debt securities represented by a global note to those persons may be limited. In addition, because DTC can act only on behalf of its participants, who in turn act on behalf of persons who hold interests through participants, the ability of a person having an interest in debt securities represented by a global note to pledge or transfer such interest to persons or entities that do not participate in DTC's system, or otherwise to take actions in respect of such interest, may be affected by the lack of a physical definitive security in respect of such interest.

Neither we nor the principal paying agent will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of debt securities by DTC, Clearstream, Luxembourg, or Euroclear, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records of those organizations relating to the debt securities.

Distributions on the debt securities held beneficially through Clearstream, Luxembourg, will be credited to cash accounts of its customers in accordance with its rules and procedures, to the extent received by the U.S. depositary for Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Securities clearance accounts and cash accounts with the Euroclear Operator are governed by the Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear and the related Operating Procedures of Euroclear, and applicable Belgian law (collectively, the *Terms and Conditions*). The Terms and Conditions govern transfers of securities and cash within Euroclear, withdrawals of securities and cash from Euroclear, and receipt of payments with respect to securities in Euroclear. All securities in Euroclear are held on a fungible basis without attribution of specific certificates to specific securities clearance accounts. The Euroclear Operator acts under the Terms and Conditions only on behalf of Euroclear participants and has no record of or relationship with persons holding through Euroclear participants.

Distributions on the debt securities held beneficially through Euroclear will be credited to the cash accounts of its participants in accordance with the Terms and Conditions, to the extent received by the U.S. depositary for Euroclear.

Any other or differing terms of the depositary arrangement will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to a series of debt securities.

Clearance and Settlement Procedures

Unless otherwise mentioned in the relevant prospectus supplement, initial settlement for the debt securities will be made in immediately available funds. Secondary market trading between DTC participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with DTC rules and will be settled in immediately available funds. Secondary market trading

between Clearstream, Luxembourg customers and/or Euroclear participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with the applicable rules and operating procedures of Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear and will be settled using the procedures applicable to conventional eurobonds in immediately available funds.

Cross-market transfers between persons holding directly or indirectly through DTC on the one hand, and directly or indirectly through Clearstream, Luxembourg customers or Euroclear participants, on the other, will be

Table of Contents

effected in DTC in accordance with DTC rules on behalf of the relevant European international clearing system by the U.S. depository; however, such cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to the relevant European international clearing system by the counterparty in such system in accordance with its rules and procedures and within its established deadlines (European time). The relevant European international clearing system will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to the U.S. depository to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving the debt securities in DTC, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for same-day funds settlement applicable to DTC. Clearstream, Luxembourg customers and Euroclear participants may not deliver instructions directly to their U.S. depositories.

Because of time-zone differences, credits of the debt securities received in Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear as a result of a transaction with a DTC participant will be made during subsequent securities settlement processing and dated the business day following DTC settlement date. Such credits or any transactions in the debt securities settled during such processing will be reported to the relevant Clearstream, Luxembourg customers or Euroclear participants on such business day. Cash received in Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear as a result of sales of the debt securities by or through a Clearstream, Luxembourg customer or a Euroclear participant to a DTC participant will be received with value on the DTC settlement date but will be available in the relevant Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear cash account only as of the business day following settlement in DTC.

Although DTC, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear have agreed to the foregoing procedures to facilitate transfers of the debt securities among participants of DTC, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures and such procedures may be discontinued at any time.

Bearer Debt Securities

If we ever issue bearer debt securities, the applicable prospectus supplement will describe all of the special terms and provisions of debt securities in bearer form, and the extent to which those special terms and provisions are different from the terms and provisions that are described in this prospectus, which generally apply to debt securities in registered form, and will summarize provisions of the indenture that relate specifically to bearer debt securities.

Regarding the Trustee

In the ordinary course of business, we may maintain lines of credit with one or more trustees for a series of debt securities and the principal subsidiary banks and other subsidiary banks may maintain deposit accounts and conduct other banking transactions with one or more trustees for a series of debt securities.

Trustee's Duty to Resign Under Certain Circumstances

PNC Funding may issue both senior and subordinated debt securities under the indenture. Because the subordinated debt securities will rank junior in right of payment to the senior debt securities, the occurrence of a default under the indenture with respect to the subordinated debt securities or any senior debt securities could create a conflicting interest under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, with respect to any trustee who serves as trustee for both senior and subordinated debt securities. In addition, upon the occurrence of a default under the indenture with respect to any series of debt securities the trustee of which maintains banking relationships with PNC Funding or PNC, such trustee would have a conflicting interest under the Trust Indenture Act as a result of such business relationships. If a default has not been cured or waived within 90 days after the trustee has or acquires a conflicting interest, the trustee generally is required by the Trust Indenture Act to eliminate such conflicting interest or resign as trustee with respect to the subordinated debt securities or the senior debt securities. In the event of the trustee's resignation, we will promptly appoint a successor trustee with respect to the affected securities.

DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK

As of the date of the prospectus, PNC is authorized to issue 800,000,000 shares of common stock.

Table of Contents

The following summary is not complete. You should refer to the applicable provisions of PNC's articles of incorporation, which you can find as Exhibit 3.3 of the Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed August 29, 1997, including the statements with respect to shares pursuant to which the outstanding series of preferred stock were issued and any additional series may be issued and to the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law for a complete statement of the terms and rights of the common stock.

Holders of common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters submitted to shareholders. Holders of common stock have neither cumulative voting rights nor any preemptive rights for the purchase of additional shares of any class of stock of PNC, and are not subject to liability for further calls or assessments. The common stock does not have any sinking fund, conversion or redemption provisions.

Holders of common stock may receive dividends when declared by the Board of Directors of PNC out of funds legally available to pay dividends. The Board of Directors may not pay or set apart dividends on common stock until dividends for all past dividend periods on any series of outstanding preferred stock have been paid or declared and set apart for payment.

PNC has outstanding junior subordinated debentures with various interest rates and maturities. The terms of these debentures permit PNC to defer interest payments on the debentures for up to five years. If PNC defers interest payments on these debentures, PNC may not during the deferral period:

- declare or pay any cash dividends on any of its common stock,

- redeem any of its common stock,

- purchase or acquire any of its common stock, or

- make a liquidation payment on any of its common stock.

In the event of dissolution or winding up of the affairs of PNC, holders of common stock will be entitled to share ratably in all assets remaining after payments to all creditors and payments required to be made in respect of outstanding preferred stock (including accrued and unpaid dividends thereon) have been made.

The Board of Directors of PNC may, except as otherwise required by applicable law or the rules of the New York Stock Exchange, cause the issuance of authorized shares of common stock without shareholder approval to such persons and for such consideration as the Board of Directors may determine in connection with acquisitions by PNC or for other corporate purposes.

Computershare Services, LLC Chicago, Illinois, is the transfer agent and registrar for PNC's common stock. The shares of common stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol PNC. The outstanding shares of common stock are, and the shares offered by this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement will be, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, and the holders of the common stock are not and will not be subject to any liability as shareholders.

Rights Plan

On May 15, 2000, the Board of Directors of PNC adopted a shareholder rights plan providing for the distribution of one preferred share purchase right for each outstanding share of common stock on May 25, 2000. New rights automatically accompany any shares of common stock PNC issues after May 25, 2000 until the Distribution Date described below. For example, holders of our convertible preferred stock, convertible debentures and stock options

will receive the rights when they convert or exercise.

Once the rights become exercisable, each right will allow its holder to purchase from PNC one one-thousandth of a share of Series G Junior Participating Preferred Stock for \$180. This portion of a preferred share will give the shareholder approximately the same dividend, voting, and liquidation rights as would one share of PNC common stock. Prior to exercise, the rights do not give their holders any dividend, voting, or liquidation rights. The rights have certain features that do not become exercisable until a person or group becomes an Acquiring Person by obtaining beneficial ownership of 10% or more of PNC's outstanding common stock. The features are described below.

Table of Contents

The rights only become exercisable:

10 days after the public announcement that a person or group has become an Acquiring Person or, if earlier,

10 business days (or later date determined by PNC's Board before any person or group becomes an Acquiring Person) after a person or group begins a tender or exchange offer which, if completed, would result in that person or group becoming an Acquiring Person.

We refer to the date when the rights become exercisable as the Distribution Date. Until that date, the common stock certificates that represent shares of PNC common stock will also evidence the rights, and any transfer of shares of PNC common stock will also constitute a transfer of rights. After that date, the rights would separate from the PNC common stock and be evidenced by rights certificates that PNC would mail to all eligible holders of PNC common stock. Any rights held by an Acquiring Person would be void and could not be exercised.

Once a person or group becomes an Acquiring Person all holders of rights except the Acquiring Person may, for \$180 per right, purchase shares of PNC common stock (or equivalent preferred stock) with a market value of \$360, based on the market price of the PNC common stock prior to the acquisition. If PNC is later acquired in a merger or similar transaction after the Distribution Date, all holders of rights except the Acquiring Person may, for \$180 per right, purchase shares of the acquiring corporation with a market value of \$360, based on the market price of the acquiring corporation's stock prior to the merger.

PNC's Board may redeem the rights for \$0.01 per right at any time before any person or group becomes an Acquiring Person. If PNC's Board redeems any rights, it must redeem all of the rights. Once the rights are redeemed, the only right of the holders of rights will be to receive the redemption price of \$0.01 per right. The redemption price will be adjusted if PNC has a stock split or stock dividends of PNC common stock.

After a person or group becomes an Acquiring Person, but before an Acquiring Person owns 50% or more of PNC's outstanding common stock, PNC's Board may extinguish the rights by exchanging one share of PNC common stock (or equivalent preferred stock) for each right, other than rights held by the Acquiring Person.

The terms of the rights agreement may be amended by our Board without the consent of the holders of the rights. After a person or group becomes an Acquiring Person, our Board may not amend the agreement in a way that adversely affects holders of the rights. The rights will expire on May 25, 2010.

Other Provisions

PNC's articles of incorporation and bylaws contain various provisions that may discourage or delay attempts to gain control of PNC. PNC's bylaws include provisions:

authorizing the board of directors to fix the size of the board between five and 36 directors,

authorizing directors to fill vacancies on the board occurring between annual shareholder meetings, including vacancies resulting from an increase in the number of directors,

authorizing only the board of directors, the Chairman of the board, PNC's President, or a Vice Chairman of the board to call a special meeting of shareholders, and

authorizing a majority of the board of directors to alter, amend, add to or repeal the bylaws.

PNC's articles of incorporation vest the authority to make, amend and repeal the bylaws in the board of directors, subject to the power of its shareholders to change any such action.

The Pennsylvania anti-takeover statutes allow Pennsylvania corporations to elect to either be covered or not be covered by certain of these statutes.

PNC has elected in its bylaws not to be covered by Title 15 of the Pennsylvania consolidated statutes governing control-share acquisitions and disgorgement by certain controlling shareholders following attempts to acquire control. However, the following provisions of Title 15 of the Pennsylvania consolidated statutes apply to PNC:

shareholders are not entitled to call a special meeting (Section 2521),

Table of Contents

unless the articles of incorporation provided otherwise, action by shareholder consent must be unanimous (Section 2524),

shareholders are not entitled to propose an amendment to the articles of incorporation (Section 2535),

certain transactions with interested shareholders (such as mergers or sales of assets between the company and a shareholder) where the interested shareholder is a party to the transaction or is treated differently from other shareholders require approval by a majority of the disinterested shareholders (Section 2538),

a five year moratorium exists on certain business combinations with a 20% or more shareholder (Sections 2551-2556), and

shareholders have a right to put their shares to a 20% shareholder at a fair value for a reasonable period after the 20% stake is acquired (Sections 2541-2547).

In addition, in certain instances the ability of PNC's board to issue authorized but unissued shares of common stock and preferred stock may have an anti-takeover effect.

Existence of the above provisions could result in PNC being less attractive to a potential acquirer, or result in PNC shareholders receiving less for their shares of common stock than otherwise might be available if there is a takeover attempt.

DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED STOCK

This section describes the general terms and provisions of PNC's preferred stock that may be offered by this prospectus. The prospectus supplement will describe the specific terms of the series of the preferred stock offered through that prospectus supplement and any general terms outlined in this section that will not apply to that series of preferred stock.

We have summarized the material terms and provisions of the preferred stock in this section. We have also filed PNC's articles of incorporation and the form of certificate of designations for each series of preferred stock, which we will refer to as the certificate of designations as exhibits to the registration statement. You should read PNC's articles of incorporation and the certificate of designations relating to the applicable series of the preferred stock for additional information before you buy any preferred stock.

General

The Board of Directors of PNC (the PNC board) is authorized without further shareholder action to cause the issuance of additional shares of preferred stock in addition to shares of preferred stock reserved for issuance in connection with PNC's shareholder rights plan described above. Any additional preferred stock (other than the Series G associated with the shareholder rights plan whose terms are designated in the rights agreement) may be issued in one or more series, each with the preferences, limitations, designations, conversion or exchange rights, voting rights, dividend rights, redemption provisions, voluntary and involuntary liquidation rights and other rights as the PNC board may determine at the time of issuance.

The rights of the holders of PNC's common stock are subject to any rights and preferences of the outstanding series of preferred stock and the preferred stock offered in this prospectus. In addition, the rights of the holders of PNC's common stock and any outstanding series of PNC's preferred stock, would be subject to the rights and preferences of

any additional shares of preferred stock, or any series thereof, which might be issued in the future.

The existence of authorized but unissued preferred stock could have the effect of discouraging an attempt to acquire control of PNC. For example, preferred stock could be issued to persons, firms or entities known to be friendly to management.

PNC has outstanding junior subordinated debentures with various interest rates and maturities. The terms of these debentures permit PNC to defer interest payments on the debentures for up to five years. If PNC defers interest payments on these debentures, PNC may not during the deferral period:

declare or pay any cash dividends on any of its preferred stock,

Table of Contents

redeem any of its preferred stock,

purchase or acquire any of its preferred stock, or

make a liquidation payment on any of its preferred stock.

Preferred Stock Offered Herein

General

The preferred stock will, when issued, be fully paid and nonassessable. Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement, the shares of each series of preferred stock will upon issuance rank on parity in all respects with PNC's currently existing series of preferred stock, described below, and each other series of preferred stock of PNC outstanding at that time. Holders of the preferred stock will have no preemptive rights to subscribe for any additional securities that may be issued by PNC. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, Computershare Investor Services, LLC, Chicago, IL, will be the transfer agent and registrar for the preferred stock.

Because PNC is a holding company, its rights and the rights of holders of its securities, including the holders of preferred stock, to participate in the assets of any PNC subsidiary upon its liquidation or recapitalization will be subject to the prior claims of such subsidiary's creditors and preferred shareholders, except to the extent PNC may itself be a creditor with recognized claims against such subsidiary or a holder of preferred shares of such subsidiary.

PNC may elect to offer depositary shares evidenced by depositary receipts. If PNC so elects, each depositary share will represent a fractional interest (to be specified in the prospectus supplement relating to the particular series of preferred stock) in a share of a particular series of the preferred stock issued and deposited with a depositary (as defined below). For a further description of the depositary shares, you should read "Description of Depositary Shares" below.

Dividends

The holders of the preferred stock will be entitled to receive dividends, if declared by the PNC board or a duly authorized committee thereof. The applicable prospectus supplement will specify the dividend rate and dates on which dividends will be payable. The rate may be fixed or variable or both. If the dividend rate is variable, the applicable prospectus supplement will describe the formula used for determining the dividend rate for each dividend period. PNC will pay dividends to the holders of record as they appear on the stock books of PNC on the record dates fixed by the PNC board or a duly authorized committee thereof. PNC may pay dividends in the form of cash, preferred stock (of the same or a different series) or common stock of PNC, in each case as specified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Any series of preferred stock will, with respect to the priority of payment of dividends, rank senior to all classes of common stock and any class of stock PNC issues that specifically provides that it will rank junior to such preferred stock in respect to dividends, whether or not the preferred stock is designated as cumulative or noncumulative.

The applicable prospectus supplement will state whether dividends on any series of preferred stock are cumulative or noncumulative. If the PNC board does not declare a dividend payable on a dividend payment date on any noncumulative preferred stock, then the holders of that noncumulative preferred stock will not be entitled to receive a dividend for that dividend period, and PNC will have no obligation to pay any dividend for that dividend period, even if the PNC board declares a dividend on that series payable in the future. Dividends on any cumulative preferred stock

will accrue from the date of issuance or the date specified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The PNC board will not declare and pay a dividend on PNC's common stock or on any class or series of stock of PNC ranking subordinate as to dividends to a series of preferred stock (other than dividends payable in common stock or in any class or series of stock of PNC ranking subordinate as to dividends and assets to such series), until PNC has paid in full dividends for all past dividend periods on all outstanding senior ranking cumulative preferred stock and has declared a current dividend on all preferred stock ranking senior to that series. If PNC does not pay in full dividends for any dividend period on all shares of preferred stock ranking equally as to dividends, all such shares

Table of Contents

will participate ratably in the payment of dividends for that period in proportion to the full amounts of dividends to which they are entitled.

Voting

Except as provided in this prospectus or in the applicable prospectus supplement, or as required by applicable law, the holders of preferred stock will not be entitled to vote. Except as otherwise required by law or provided by the PNC board and described in the applicable prospectus supplement, holders of preferred stock having voting rights and holders of common stock vote together as one class. Holders of preferred stock do not have cumulative voting rights.

If PNC has failed to pay, or declare and set apart for payment, dividends on all outstanding shares of preferred stock in an amount that equals six quarterly dividends at the applicable dividend rate for such preferred stock, whether or not cumulative, then the number of directors of PNC will be increased by two at the first annual meeting of shareholders held thereafter, and the holders of all outstanding preferred stock voting together as a class will be entitled to elect those two additional directors at that annual meeting and at each annual meeting thereafter until cumulative dividends payable for all past dividend periods and continuous noncumulative dividends for at least one year on all outstanding share of preferred stock entitled thereto have been paid, or declared and set apart for payment, in full. Upon such payment, or declaration and setting apart for payment, in full, the terms of the two additional directors will end, the number of directors of PNC will be reduced by two, and such voting rights of the holders of preferred stock will end.

Unless PNC receives the consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of preferred stock of all series, PNC will not:

- create or increase the authorized number of shares of any class of stock ranking senior to the preferred stock as to dividends or assets, or

- change the preferences, qualifications, privileges, limitations, restrictions or special or relative rights of the preferred stock in any material respect adverse to the holders of the preferred stock.

If any change to the rights of the preferred stock will affect any particular series materially and adversely as compared to any other series of preferred stock, PNC first must obtain the consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of that particular series of preferred stock.

The holders of the preferred stock of a series will not be entitled to participate in any vote regarding a change in the rights of the preferred stock if PNC makes provision for the redemption of all the preferred stock of such series. See

Redemption by PNC below. PNC is not required to obtain any consent of holders of preferred stock of a series in connection with the authorization, designation, increase or issuance of any shares of preferred stock that rank junior or equal to the preferred stock of such series with respect to dividends and liquidation rights.

Under interpretations adopted by the Federal Reserve or its staff, if the holders of preferred stock of any series become entitled to vote for the election of directors because dividends on such series are in arrears as described above, that series may then be deemed a class of voting securities and a holder of 25% or more of such series (or a holder of 5% or more if it otherwise exercises a controlling influence over PNC) may then be subject to regulation as a bank holding company in accordance with the Bank Holding Company Act. In addition, when the series is deemed a class of voting securities, any other bank holding company may be required to obtain the prior approval of the Federal Reserve to acquire more than 5% of that series, and any person other than a bank holding company may be required to obtain the prior approval of the Federal Reserve to acquire 10% or more of that series.

Liquidation of PNC

In the event of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation of PNC, the holders of each outstanding series of preferred stock will be entitled to receive liquidating distributions before any distribution is made to the holders of common stock or of any class or series of stock of PNC ranking subordinate to that series, in the amount fixed by the PNC board for that series and described in the applicable prospectus supplement, plus, if dividends on that series are cumulative, accrued and unpaid dividends.

Table of Contents

Redemption by PNC

PNC may redeem the whole or any part of the preferred stock at the times and at the amount for each share set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

PNC may acquire preferred stock from time to time at the price or prices that PNC determines. If cumulative dividends, if any, payable for all past quarterly dividend periods have not been paid, or declared and set apart for payment, in full, PNC may not acquire preferred stock except in accordance with an offer made in writing or by publication to all holders of record of shares of preferred stock.

Conversion

The prospectus supplement may set forth the rights, if any, for a holder of preferred stock to convert that preferred stock into common stock or any other class of capital securities of PNC.

Preferred Stock Currently Outstanding

As of the date of this prospectus, PNC had four series of preferred stock outstanding:

\$1.80 Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, Series A (preferred stock-A),

\$1.80 Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, Series B (preferred stock-B),

\$1.60 Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, Series C (preferred stock-C), and

\$1.80 Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, Series D (preferred stock-D).

All shares of a former series of preferred stock designated as \$2.60 Cumulative Non Voting Preferred Stock, Series E, and of a former series of preferred stock designated Fixed/ Adjustable Rate Noncumulative Preferred Stock, Series F, have been redeemed and restored to the status of authorized but unissued preferred stock. In connection with PNC's shareholders rights plan described above, PNC has issued rights attached to its common stock that, once exercisable, will allow the holder of each share of common stock to purchase from PNC one one-thousandth of a share of Series G Junior Participating Preferred Stock (preferred stock-G). To date, we have not issued any preferred stock-G.

Holders of outstanding preferred stock are entitled to cumulative dividends at the annual rates set forth below in the table titled Summary of Certain Key Terms of Preferred Stock, which are payable quarterly when and as declared by the Board of Directors of PNC. The Board of Directors may not pay or set apart dividends on common stock until dividends for the current period and all past dividend periods on all series of outstanding preferred stock have been paid or declared and set apart for payment.

Holders of outstanding preferred stock are entitled to a number of votes equal to the number of full shares of common stock into which their preferred stock is convertible. Holders of outstanding preferred stock currently are entitled to the conversion privileges set forth below in the table titled Summary of Certain Key Terms of Preferred Stock.

In the event of a liquidation of PNC, holders of outstanding preferred stock are entitled to receive the amounts set forth below in the table titled Summary of Certain Key Terms of Preferred Stock, plus all dividends accrued and unpaid thereon, before any payments are made with respect to common stock.

Preferred stock-A, preferred stock-C and preferred stock-D are redeemable at any time at the option of PNC at redemption prices equal to their respective liquidation preference amounts, plus accrued and unpaid dividends, if any. Preferred stock-B is not redeemable.

All outstanding series of preferred stock are convertible into common stock (unless called for redemption and not converted within the time allowed therefor), at any time at the option of the holder. No adjustment will be made for dividends on preferred stock converted or on common stock issuable upon conversion. The conversion rate of each series of convertible preferred stock will be adjusted in certain events, including payment of stock dividends on, or splits or combinations of, the common stock or issuance to holders of common stock of rights to purchase common stock at a price per share less than 90% of current market price as defined in the articles of incorporation of

Table of Contents

PNC. Appropriate adjustments in the conversion provisions also will be made in the event of certain reclassifications, consolidations or mergers or the sale of substantially all of the assets of PNC.

Preferred stock-A and preferred stock-B are currently traded in the over-the-counter market. Preferred stock-C and preferred stock-D are listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Computershare Investor Services, LLC, Chicago, IL, is transfer agent and registrar for all outstanding series of preferred stock.

SUMMARY OF CERTAIN KEY TERMS OF PREFERRED STOCK

Preferred Series	Annual Dividend Rate (Payable Quarterly)	Cumulative Dividend	Conversion Rate	Voting Right (Based on Conversion Rate)	Liquidation Preference	Redeemable
A	\$ 1.80	Y	1 preferred: 8 common	Y	\$40/share	
B	\$ 1.80	Y	1 preferred: 8 common	Y	\$40/share	N
	\$ 1.80		2.4 preferred; 4			
C		Y	common	Y	\$20/share	Y
	\$ 1.60		2.4 preferred; 4			
D		Y	common	Y	\$20/share	Y
			None Currently			
G			Outstanding			

DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSITARY SHARES

PNC may, at its option, elect to offer fractional interests in the preferred stock, rather than whole shares of preferred stock. If PNC does, PNC will provide for the issuance by a depositary to the public of receipts for depositary shares, and each of these depositary shares will represent a fraction of a share of a particular series of the preferred stock. We will specify that fraction in the prospectus supplement.

The shares of any series of the preferred stock underlying the depositary shares will be deposited under a deposit agreement between PNC and a depositary selected by PNC. The depositary will be a bank or trust company and will have its principal office in the United States and a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000. The prospectus supplement relating to a series of depositary shares will set forth the name and address of the depositary. Subject to the terms of the deposit agreement, each owner of a depositary share will be entitled, in proportion to the applicable fractional interest in a share of preferred stock underlying that depositary share, to all the rights and preferences of the preferred stock underlying that depositary share. Those rights include dividend, voting, redemption, conversion and liquidation rights.

The depositary shares will be evidenced by depositary receipts issued under the deposit agreement. If you purchase the fractional shares in the preferred stock underlying the depositary shares, you will receive depositary receipts as described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Dividends and Other Distributions

The depositary will distribute all cash dividends or other cash distributions received in respect of the preferred stock to the record holders of related depositary shares in proportion to the number of depositary shares owned by those

holders.

If PNC makes a distribution other than in cash, the depositary will distribute property received by it to the record holders of depositary shares that are entitled to receive the distribution, unless the depositary determines that it is not feasible to make the distribution. If this occurs, the depositary may, with the approval of PNC, sell the property and distribute the net proceeds from the sale to the applicable holders.

Redemption of Depositary Shares

Whenever PNC redeems shares of preferred stock that are held by the depositary, the depositary will redeem, as of the same redemption date, the number of depositary shares representing the shares of preferred stock so redeemed. The redemption price per depositary share will be equal to the applicable fraction of the redemption price per share payable with respect to that series of the preferred stock. If fewer than all the depositary shares are to be

Table of Contents

redeemed, the depositary will select the depositary shares to be redeemed by lot or pro rata as may be determined by the depositary.

Depositary shares called for redemption will no longer be outstanding after the applicable redemption date, and all rights of the holders of these depositary shares will cease, except the right to receive any money or other property upon surrender to the depositary of the depositary receipts evidencing those depositary shares.

Voting the Preferred Stock

Upon receipt of notice of any meeting at which the holders of preferred stock are entitled to vote, the depositary will mail the information contained in the notice of meeting to the record holders of the depositary shares underlying that preferred stock. Each record holder of those depositary shares on the record date (which will be the same date as the record date for the preferred stock) will be entitled to instruct the depositary as to the exercise of the voting rights pertaining to the amount of preferred stock underlying that holder's depositary shares. The depositary will try, insofar as practicable, to vote the number of shares of preferred stock underlying those depositary shares in accordance with those instructions, and PNC will agree to take all action which the depositary deems necessary in order to enable the depositary to do so. The depositary will not vote the shares of preferred stock to the extent it does not receive specific instructions from the holders of depositary shares underlying the preferred stock.

Conversion of Preferred Stock

If a series of the preferred stock underlying the depositary shares is convertible into shares of PNC's common stock or any other class of capital securities of PNC, PNC will accept the delivery of depositary receipts to convert the preferred stock using the same procedures as those for delivery of certificates for the preferred stock. If the depositary shares represented by a depositary receipt are to be converted in part only, the depositary will issue a new depositary receipt or depositary receipts for the depositary shares not to be converted.

Amendment and Termination of the Deposit Agreement

PNC and the depositary may amend the form of depositary receipt evidencing the depositary shares and any provision of the deposit agreement at any time. However, any amendment that materially and adversely alters the rights of the holders of depositary shares will not be effective unless the amendment has been approved by the holders of at least a majority of the depositary shares then outstanding. PNC or the depositary may terminate the deposit agreement only if (i) all outstanding depositary shares have been redeemed or (ii) there has been a final distribution of the underlying preferred stock in connection with any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of PNC.

Charges of Depositary

PNC will pay all transfer and other taxes and governmental charges arising solely from the existence of the depositary arrangements. PNC will also pay charges of the depositary in connection with the initial deposit of the preferred stock and any redemption of the preferred stock. Holders of depositary shares will pay other transfer and other taxes and governmental charges and such other charges as are expressly provided in the deposit agreement to be for their accounts.

Resignation and Removal of Depositary

The depositary may resign at any time by delivering to PNC notice of its election to do so. PNC may remove the depositary at any time. Any such resignation or removal will take effect only upon the appointment of a successor depositary and its acceptance of its appointment. The successor depositary must be a bank or trust company having its

principal office in the United States and having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000.

Miscellaneous

The depositary will forward to the holders of depositary shares all reports and communications from PNC that PNC delivers to the depositary and that PNC is required to furnish to the holders of the preferred stock.

Table of Contents

Neither the depositary nor PNC will be liable if it is prevented or delayed by law or any circumstance beyond its control in performing its obligations under the deposit agreement. The obligations of PNC and the depositary under the deposit agreement will be limited to performance in good faith of their respective duties under the deposit agreement. They will not be obligated to prosecute or defend any legal proceeding relating to any depositary shares or preferred stock unless satisfactory indemnity is furnished. They may rely upon written advice of counsel or accountants, or upon information provided by holders of depositary shares or other persons they believe to be competent and on documents they believe to be genuine. The depositary may rely on information provided by PNC.

DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE CONTRACTS

PNC may issue purchase contracts, including purchase contracts issued as part of a unit with one or more other securities, for the purchase or sale of:

our debt securities, preferred stock, depositary shares or common stock; and

securities of an entity not affiliated with us, a basket of those securities, an index or indices of those securities or any combination of the above.

The price of our debt securities or price per share of common stock, preferred stock or depositary shares, as applicable, may be fixed at the time the purchase contracts are issued or may be determined by reference to a specific formula contained in the purchase contracts. We may issue purchase contracts in such amounts and in as many distinct series as we wish.

The applicable prospectus supplement may contain, where applicable, the following information about the purchase contracts issued under it:

whether the purchase contracts obligate the holder to purchase or sell, or both purchase and sell, our debt securities, common stock, preferred stock or depositary shares, as applicable, and the nature and amount of each of those securities, or method of determining those amounts;

whether the purchase contracts are to be prepaid or not;

whether the purchase contracts are to be settled by delivery, or by reference or linkage to the value, performance or level of our common stock or preferred stock;

any acceleration, cancellation, termination or other provisions relating to the settlement of the purchase contracts;

United States federal income tax considerations relevant to the purchase contracts; and

whether the purchase contracts will be issued in fully registered or global form.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any purchase contracts. The preceding description and any description of purchase contracts in the applicable prospectus supplement does not purport to be complete and is subject to and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the purchase contract agreement and, if applicable, collateral arrangements and depositary arrangements relating to such purchase contracts.

DESCRIPTION OF UNITS

PNC may issue units comprised of one or more of the other securities described in this prospectus in any combination. Each unit will be issued so that the holder of the unit is also the holder of each security included in the unit. Thus, the holder of a unit will have the rights and obligations of a holder of each included security. The unit agreement under which a unit is issued may provide that the securities included in the unit may not be held or transferred separately, at any time or at any time before a specified date.

The applicable prospectus supplement may describe:

the designation and terms of the units and of the securities comprising the units, including whether and under what circumstances those securities may be held or transferred separately;

Table of Contents

any provisions for the issuance, payment, settlement, transfer or exchange of the units or of the securities comprising the units;

the terms of the unit agreement governing the units;

United States federal income tax considerations relevant to the units; and

whether the units will be issued in fully registered or global form.

The preceding description and any description of units in the applicable prospectus supplement does not purport to be complete and is subject to and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the unit agreement and, if applicable, collateral arrangements and depositary arrangements relating to such units.

DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

PNC may issue warrants to purchase common stock, preferred stock or depositary shares. PNC Funding may issue warrants to purchase debt securities. We may issue warrants independently of or together with any other securities, and the warrants may be attached to or separate from such securities. We will issue each series of warrants under a separate warrant agreement to be entered into between us and a warrant agent. The warrant agent will act solely as our agent in connection with the warrant of such series and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency for or with holders or beneficial owners of warrants. The following sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the warrants that we may offer. Further terms of the warrants and the applicable warrant agreement will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Debt Warrants

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any debt warrants, including the following:

the title of the debt warrants,

the offering price for the debt warrants, if any,

the aggregate number of the debt warrants,

the designation and terms of the debt securities purchasable upon exercise of the debt warrants,

if applicable, the designation and terms of the securities with which the debt warrants are issued and the number of debt warrants issued with each of these securities,

if applicable, the date after which the debt warrants and any securities issued with the warrants will be separately transferable,

the principal amount of debt securities purchasable upon exercise of a debt warrant and the purchase price,

the dates on which the right to exercise the debt warrants begins and expires,

if applicable, the minimum or maximum amount of the debt warrants that may be exercised at any one time,

whether the debt warrants represented by the debt warrant certificates or debt securities that may be issued upon exercise of the debt warrants will be issued in registered or bearer form,

information with respect to any book-entry procedures,

the currency, currencies or currency units in which the offering price, if any, and the exercise price are payable,

if applicable, a discussion of certain United States federal income tax considerations,

any antidilution provisions of the debt warrants,

Table of Contents

any redemption or call provisions applicable to the debt warrants, and

any additional terms of the debt warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of the debt warrants.

Stock Warrants

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any stock warrants, including the following:

the title of the stock warrants,

the offering price of the stock warrants,

the aggregate number of the stock warrants,

the designation and terms of the common stock, preferred stock or depositary shares that are purchasable upon exercise of the stock warrants,

if applicable, the designation and terms of the securities with which the stock warrants are issued and the number of such stock warrants issued with each such security,

if applicable, the date after which the stock warrants and any securities issued with the warrants will be separately transferable,

the number of shares of common stock, preferred stock or depositary shares purchasable upon exercise of a stock warrant and the purchase price,

the dates on which the right to exercise the stock warrants begins and expires,

if applicable, the minimum or maximum amount of the stock warrants which may be exercised at any one time,

the currency, currencies or currency units in which the offering price, if, any, and the exercise price are payable,

if applicable, a discussion of certain United States federal income tax considerations,

any antidilution provisions of the stock warrants,

any redemption or call provisions applicable to the stock warrants, and

any additional terms of the stock warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of the stock warrants.

UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

PNC Funding will be required to withhold the Pennsylvania Corporate Loans Tax from interest payments on debt securities held by or for those subject to such tax, principally individuals and partnerships resident in Pennsylvania and trustees of trusts held for a resident beneficiary. The tax, at the current annual rate of four mills on each dollar of

nominal value (\$4.00 per \$1,000), will be withheld, at any time when it is applicable, from each interest payment to taxable holders of debt securities. The debt securities will be exempt, under current law, from personal property taxes imposed by political subdivisions in Pennsylvania.

Holders of securities should consult their tax advisors as to the applicability to the securities and interest and dividends payable thereon of federal, state and local taxes and of withholding on interest and dividends.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

These securities may be distributed under this prospectus from time to time in one or more transactions:

at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed;

Table of Contents

at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;

at prices related to prevailing market prices; or

at negotiated prices.

Each time we sell securities, we will describe the method of distribution of the securities in the prospectus supplement relating to the transaction.

PNC Funding may offer and sell debt securities and warrants being offered by use of this prospectus:

through underwriters,

through dealers,

through agents,

directly to purchasers,

through or in connection with hedging transactions, or

through a combination of such methods of sale.

PNC may offer and sell common stock, preferred stock, purchase contracts, units, warrants and depositary shares being offered by use of this prospectus:

through underwriters,

through dealers,

through agents,

directly to purchasers,

through or in connection with hedging transactions, or

through any combination of such methods of sale.

Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will name any underwriter, dealer or agent involved in the offer and sale of the securities. The prospectus supplement will also set forth the terms of the offering, including the purchase price of the securities and the proceeds we will receive from the sale of the securities, any underwriting discounts and other items constituting underwriters' compensation related to the offering, public offering or purchase price and any discounts or commissions allowed or paid to dealers, any commissions allowed or paid to agents and any securities exchanges on which the securities may be listed.

If underwriters or dealers are used in the sale, the securities will be acquired by the underwriters or dealers for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions, at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, or at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, or at prices related to such prevailing market prices, or at

negotiated prices. The securities may be offered to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters or directly by one or more of such firms. Unless otherwise set forth in the prospectus supplement, the obligations of underwriters or dealers to purchase the securities offered will be subject to certain conditions precedent and the underwriters or dealers will be obligated to purchase all the offered securities if any are purchased. Any public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid by underwriters or dealers to other dealers may be changed from time to time.

The securities may be sold directly by PNC or PNC Funding or through agents designated by us from time to time. Any agent involved in the offer or sale of the securities in respect of which this prospectus is delivered will be named in, and any commissions payable by PNC or PNC Funding to such agent will be set forth in, the prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, any such agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

To the extent that we make sales to or through one or more underwriters or agents in at-the-market offerings, we will do so pursuant to the terms of a distribution agreement between us and the underwriters or agents. If we

Table of Contents

engage in at-the-market sales pursuant to a distribution agreement, we will issue and sell shares of our common stock to or through one or more underwriters or agents, which may act on an agency basis or on a principal basis. During the term of any such agreement, we may sell shares on a daily basis in exchange transactions or otherwise as we agree with the underwriters or agents. The distribution agreement will provide that any shares of our common stock sold will be sold at prices related to the then prevailing market prices for our common stock. Therefore, exact figures regarding proceeds that will be raised or commissions to be paid cannot be determined at this time and will be described in a prospectus supplement. Pursuant to the terms of the distribution agreement, we also may agree to sell, and the relevant underwriters or agents may agree to solicit offers to purchase, blocks of our common stock or other securities. The terms of each such distribution agreement will be set forth in more detail in a prospectus supplement to this prospectus. In the event that any underwriter or agent acts as principal, or broker-dealer acts as underwriter, it may engage in certain transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of our securities. We will describe any such activities in the prospectus supplement relating to the transaction.

Offers to purchase the securities offered by this prospectus may be solicited, and sales of the securities may be made, by us directly to institutional investors or others, who may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act with respect to any resales of the securities. The terms of any offer made in this manner will be included in the prospectus supplement relating to the offer.

In connection with offerings made through underwriters or agents, we may enter into agreements with such underwriters or agents pursuant to which we receive our outstanding securities in consideration for the securities being offered to the public for cash. In connection with these arrangements, the underwriters or agents may also sell securities covered by this prospectus to hedge their positions in these outstanding securities, including in short sale transactions. If so, the underwriters or agents may use the securities received from us under these arrangements to close out any related open borrowings of securities.

We may enter into derivative transactions with third parties, or sell securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. If the applicable prospectus supplement indicates, in connection with those derivatives, the third parties may sell securities covered by this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, including in short sale transactions. If so, the third party may use securities pledged by us or borrowed from us or others to settle those sales or to close out any related open borrowings of stock, and may use securities received from us in settlement of those derivatives to close out any related open borrowings of stock. The third party in such sale transactions will be an underwriter and will be identified in the applicable prospectus supplement (or a post-effective amendment).

We may loan or pledge securities to a financial institution or other third party that in turn may sell the securities using this prospectus. Such financial institution or third party may transfer its short position to investors in our securities or in connection with a simultaneous offering of other securities offered by this prospectus.

Securities may be offered and sold, if so indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, in connection with a remarketing upon their purchase, in accordance with a redemption or repayment pursuant to their terms, or otherwise, by one or more firms, which we refer to herein as the remarketing firms, acting as principals for their own accounts, for the account of holders of the securities, or as our agent. Any remarketing firm will be identified and the terms of its agreement, if any, with us will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Remarketing firms may be deemed to be underwriters, as that term is defined in the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in connection with the securities remarketed thereby.

If indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will authorize underwriters, dealers or agents to solicit offers by certain institutional investors to purchase securities from us pursuant to contracts providing for payment and delivery at a future date. Institutional investors with which these contracts may be made include, among others:

commercial and savings banks;

insurance companies;

pension funds;

investment companies; and

educational and charitable institutions.

Table of Contents

In all cases, these purchasers must be approved by us. Unless otherwise set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, the obligations of any purchaser under any of these contracts will not be subject to any conditions except that (a) the purchase of the securities must not at the time of delivery be prohibited under the laws of any jurisdiction to which that purchaser is subject and (b) if the securities are also being sold to underwriters, we must have sold to these underwriters the securities not subject to delayed delivery. Underwriters and other agents will not have any responsibility in respect of the validity or performance of these contracts.

Underwriters, dealers, agents and other persons may be entitled under agreements which may be entered into with us to indemnification against and contribution toward certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933 and to be reimbursed by us for certain expenses.

Subject to any restrictions relating to debt securities in bearer form, any securities initially sold outside the United States may be resold in the United States through underwriters, dealers or otherwise.

Each series of securities other than common stock will be new issue of securities with no established trading market. Any underwriters to whom offered securities are sold by us for public offering and sale may make a market in such securities, but such underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time.

The anticipated date of delivery of the securities offered by this prospectus will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to the offering. The securities offered by this prospectus may or may not be listed on a national securities exchange or a foreign securities exchange. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity or activity of any trading in the offered securities.

If more than 10% of the net proceeds of any offering of securities made under this prospectus will be received by NASD members participating in the offering or affiliates or associated persons of such NASD members, the offering will be conducted in accordance with NASD Conduct Rule 2710(c)(8).

Following the initial distribution of an offering of securities, PNC Capital Markets LLC, J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, Inc. and other affiliates of ours may offer and sell those securities in secondary market transactions. PNC Capital Markets LLC, J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, Inc. and other affiliates of ours may act as a principal or agent in these transactions. This prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement will also be used in connection with these transactions. Sales in any of these transactions will be made at varying prices related to prevailing market prices and other circumstances at the time of sale.

The offer and sale of the securities by an affiliate of ours will comply with the requirements of Rule 2720 of the Rules of Conduct of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. regarding underwriting of securities of an affiliate. No NASD member participating in offers and sales will exercise a transaction in the securities in a discretionary account without the prior specific written approval of such member's customer.

Underwriters or agents and their associates may be customers of (including borrowers from), engage in transactions with, and/or perform services for us and/or the trustee in the ordinary course of business.

LEGAL OPINIONS

The validity of the securities will be passed upon for us by counsel identified in the applicable prospectus supplement. If the securities are being distributed in an underwritten offering, the validity of the securities will be passed upon for the underwriters by counsel identified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements and management's report on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting incorporated in this Prospectus by reference from PNC's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports, which are incorporated herein by reference, and have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

Table of Contents

\$

**PNC Funding Corp
\$ Floating Rate Senior Notes due
Unconditionally Guaranteed by
The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.

And

Guaranteed under the FDIC's Temporary
Liquidity Guarantee Program

Preliminary Prospectus Supplement**

Citi

J.P. Morgan

PNC Capital Markets LLC

December 17, 2008