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Prospectus supplement

(To Prospectus dated January 15, 2010)

The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.

Shares of common stock

We are offering to sell _____ shares of our common stock, par value \$5 per share. We will receive all of the net proceeds from the sale of our common stock. We intend to use the net proceeds, together with other funds, to redeem the Series N Preferred Stock we issued to the U.S. Department of the Treasury as part of the Department of the Treasury's TARP Capital Purchase Program. See Summary Recent developments Repurchase of outstanding TARP preferred stock on page S-2 of this prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol PNC. The last reported sales price of our common stock as reported on the NYSE on February 1, 2010 was \$55.86 per share.

For a discussion of certain risks that you should consider in connection with an investment in our common stock, see Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 and all subsequent filings under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), as well as the additional risk factors contained in this prospectus supplement beginning on page S-5.

The shares of common stock are not savings accounts, deposits or other obligations of any of our bank or non-bank subsidiaries and are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Deposit Insurance Fund or any other governmental agency.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per share	Total(1)
Public Offering Price	\$	\$
Underwriting Discounts and Commissions	\$	\$
Proceeds (before expenses)	\$	\$

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(1) We have granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to an additional _____ shares of our common stock at the public offering price, less underwriting discounts and commissions, to cover over-allotments, if any, within 30 days of the date of this prospectus supplement. The underwriters are offering the shares of common stock as set forth under Underwriting. Delivery of the shares of common stock will be made on or about February _____, 2010.

Joint Book-Running Managers

J.P. Morgan

Morgan Stanley

PNC Capital Markets LLC

February _____, 2010

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information.

We are not making an offer of the shares of common stock covered by this prospectus supplement in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted.

You should not assume that the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the respective dates thereof.

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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.

Unless otherwise mentioned or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus supplement to "PNC," "we," "us," "our" or similar references mean The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. and its successors, and not The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. together with its subsidiaries.

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 our common stock 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 or 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.

Cautionary statement regarding forward-looking statements

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including information incorporated in them by reference, have statements regarding our outlook or expectations for earnings, revenues, expenses, capital levels, liquidity levels, asset quality 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," "plan," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "outlook," "estimate," "forecast," "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, 2009 and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, 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.

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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 levels of unemployment.

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

A continuation of recent turbulence in significant portions of the U.S. 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 and regulatory landscape.

Given current economic and financial market conditions, our forward-looking financial statements are subject to the risk that those conditions will be substantially different than we are currently expecting. These statements are based on our current expectations that interest rates will remain low in the first half of 2010 but will move upward in the second half of the year and our view that the modest economic recovery that began last year will extend through 2010.

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:

Changes resulting from the legislative and regulatory responses to the current economic and financial industry environment, including current and future conditions or restrictions imposed as a result of our participation in the TARP Capital Purchase Program.

Other legislative and regulatory reforms, including broad-based restructuring of financial industry regulation as well as changes to laws and regulations involving tax, pension, bankruptcy, consumer protection and other aspects of the financial institution industry.

Increased litigation risk from recent regulatory and other governmental developments.

Unfavorable resolution of legal proceedings or other claims and regulatory and other governmental inquiries.

The results of the regulatory examination and supervision process, including our failure to satisfy the requirements of agreements with governmental agencies.

Changes in accounting policies and principles.

Changes to regulations governing bank capital, including as a result of the so-called Basel 3 initiative.

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If we do not redeem the Series N Preferred Stock we issued to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, such securities may limit our ability to return capital to our shareholders and are dilutive to our common shares. The dividend rate will increase substantially after five years if we are unable to redeem the securities before then. Although we intend to use the net proceeds from this offering, together with other funds, to redeem such securities, the consummation of this offering is not conditioned upon such redemption.

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 and by our ability to meet evolving regulatory capital standards.

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.

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 supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

In addition, our acquisition of National City Corporation (National City) on December 31, 2008 presents us with a number of risks and uncertainties both related to the acquisition itself and to the integration of the acquired businesses into PNC. These risks and uncertainties include the following:

The anticipated benefits of the transaction, 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 or attrition in key client, partner and other relationships may be greater than expected.

Legal proceedings or other claims made and governmental investigations currently pending against National City, as well as others that may be filed, made or commenced relating to National City's business and activities before the acquisition, could adversely impact our financial

results.

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Our ability to achieve anticipated results is also dependent on our ability to bring National City's systems, operating models and controls into conformity with ours and to do so on our planned time schedule. The integration of National City's business and operations into PNC, which includes 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 has resulted in PNC entering several markets where PNC did not previously have any meaningful retail presence.

In addition to the 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.

Incorporation of certain documents by reference

The SEC allows us to incorporate information in this document by reference to other documents filed separately with the SEC. This means that PNC can disclose important information to you by referring you to those other documents. 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 Public Reference Room of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., 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 website is 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 PNC and its financial condition.

Filing	Period or date filed
Annual Report on Form 10-K (as updated by our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 15, 2010)	Year ended December 31, 2008
Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q	Quarters ended March 31, 2009, June 30, 2009 and September 30, 2009
Current Reports on Form 8-K	January 2, 2009 (two filings), February 13, 2009, February 19, 2009, March 3, 2009 (with respect to Item 8.01 information only), April 3, 2009, April 14, 2009, May 4, 2009, May 14, 2009, May 27, 2009 (the Item 8.01 8-K only), June 9, 2009, August 21, 2009, September 21, 2009, November 20, 2009, December 23, 2009, January 15, 2010 (two filings), January 21, 2010 (Exhibit 99.1 of the first 8-K furnished thereon only, Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2009 Earnings Release) (other than the third paragraph thereof) and February 2, 2010
Description of Common Stock on Form 8-A (including any amendment or report filed with the SEC for the purpose of updating this description)	September 24, 1987

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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 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.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, PNC is not incorporating any document or information (other than Exhibit 99.1, Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2009 Earnings Release, to the first current report on Form 8-K that it furnished on January 21, 2010 and the current report on Form 8-K that it furnished on February 2, 2010) that it furnished rather than filed with the SEC.

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.

Statements contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document referred to in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying 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 supplement and the accompanying 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 supplement or the accompanying 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 supplement or the accompanying prospectus. You may request a copy of these filings at the address and telephone number set forth below.

In reviewing any agreements incorporated by reference, please remember they are included to provide you with information regarding the terms of such agreements and are not intended to provide any other factual or disclosure information about PNC. The agreements may contain representations and warranties by PNC or other parties, which should not in all instances be treated as categorical statements of fact, but rather as a way of allocating the risk to one of the parties if those statements prove to be inaccurate. The representations and warranties were made only as of the date of the relevant agreement or such other date or dates as may be specified in such agreement and are subject to more recent developments. Accordingly, these representations and warranties alone may not describe the actual state of affairs as of the date they were made or at any other time.

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**

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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 one of the largest diversified financial services companies in the United States and is headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. PNC was incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1983 with the consolidation of Pittsburgh National Corporation and Provident National Corporation. Since 1983, we have diversified our geographical presence, business mix and product capabilities through internal growth, strategic bank and non-bank acquisitions and equity investments and the formation of various non-banking subsidiaries.

PNC and its subsidiaries have businesses engaged in retail banking, corporate and institutional banking, asset management, residential mortgage banking and global investment servicing, providing many of its products and services nationally and others in PNC's primary geographic markets located in Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey, Michigan, Maryland, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Florida, Missouri, Virginia, Delaware, Washington, D.C. and Wisconsin. PNC also provides certain investment servicing internationally. See further discussion below regarding the sale of our global investment servicing business.

PNC stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol PNC. As of December 31, 2009, PNC had total consolidated assets of approximately \$269.9 billion, total consolidated deposits of approximately \$186.9 billion and total consolidated shareholders' equity of approximately \$29.9 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 businesses can pay dividends only 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 bank, even when doing so is not otherwise in the interests of PNC or its shareholders or creditors.

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.

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Recent developments

Repurchase of outstanding TARP preferred stock

On December 31, 2008, we issued 75,792 shares of our Fixed Rate Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Shares, Series N (our Series N Preferred Stock) to the U.S. Department of the Treasury pursuant to a Letter Agreement dated December 31, 2008 and the Securities Purchase Agreement Standard Terms attached thereto for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$7.6 billion pursuant to the Department of the Treasury's TARP Capital Purchase Program. In connection with purchasing the Series N Preferred Stock, the Department of the Treasury also received a warrant to purchase 16,885,192 shares of our common stock at an initial per share exercise price of \$67.33, subject to adjustment, which expires ten years from the issuance date, and we agreed to provide the Department of the Treasury with registration rights covering the warrant and the underlying shares of common stock.

As announced on February 2, 2010, we expect to redeem all 75,792 shares of our Series N Preferred Stock issued to the Department of the Treasury. We are not exercising our right to repurchase the related warrants at the time we redeem the Series N Preferred Stock. We will use the net proceeds from this offering, together with the proceeds of the proposed debt offering described below under Proposed debt offering and other funds, for the redemption of the Series N Preferred Stock. See Use of proceeds in this prospectus supplement. In connection with the redemption of the Series N Preferred Stock as approved by the Federal Reserve Board, we have agreed to sell PNC Global Investment Servicing Inc., as described below under Pending sale of PNC Global Investment Servicing. We have also agreed that, if the sale of PNC Global Investment Servicing has not been completed by November 1, 2010, we will, on or before that date, raise approximately \$700 million to \$1.6 billion in additional Tier 1 common capital either through the sale of assets approved by the Federal Reserve and/or through the issuance of additional common stock.

In the period in which we repurchase the Series N Preferred Stock, we will accelerate the accretion of the issuance discount on the Series N Preferred Stock and record a corresponding reduction in retained earnings, resulting in a one-time, noncash reduction in the calculation of diluted earnings per common share (i.e., a reduction in net income available to common stockholders in an amount equal to the issuance discount accelerated). The issuance discount is due to the carrying value of the TARP preferred stock being at a discount to its liquidation value as a result of the initial recognition of TARP preferred stock and the related warrants based on their relative fair values at issuance. As of December 31, 2009, the amount of the issuance discount on the Series N Preferred Stock was \$250.0 million.

Following this offering and redemption of the Series N Preferred Stock, and taking into account the anticipated impact of the sale of PNC Global Investment Servicing, we expect that PNC's pro forma Tier 1 capital and Tier 1 common equity ratios as of December 31, 2009, would be 10.3% and 8.0%, respectively, based on the December 31, 2009 estimated ratios of 11.5% and 6.0%, respectively, contained in our earnings release (or 9.5% and 7.2%, respectively, without the impact of the sale of PNC Global Investment Servicing). Our pro forma capital and common equity ratios are forward-looking statements that are subject to assumptions, risks and uncertainties. See Cautionary statement regarding forward-looking statements.

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Pending sale of PNC Global Investment Servicing

On February 2, 2010, we announced that we had entered into a definitive agreement to sell PNC Global Investment Servicing Inc., a leading provider of processing, technology and business intelligence services to asset managers, broker-dealers and financial advisors worldwide, for \$2.3 billion in cash. Upon completion of the sale, PNC expects to report an after-tax gain of approximately \$500 million. PNC currently anticipates closing the transaction in the third quarter of 2010. Completion of the transaction is subject to regulatory approvals and certain other closing conditions.

Proposed debt offering

Subject to market conditions, we intend to promptly commence a debt offering in which PNC Funding Corp, our wholly owned finance subsidiary, would issue and PNC would guarantee senior notes in an aggregate amount between \$1.5 billion and \$2 billion, and with a maturity or maturities to be determined. We are undertaking the debt offering in order to provide additional parent company liquidity in connection with the redemption of the Series N Preferred Stock. There can be no assurances that the proposed debt offering will be completed and the Series N Preferred Stock redeemed. The completion of this offering is not conditioned upon the completion of the proposed debt offering. This prospectus is not an offer to sell any such debt securities; any offer to sell such debt securities will be made only by a separate prospectus.

Fourth quarter and full year 2009 financial results

On January 21, 2010, PNC reported its unaudited preliminary financial results for the full year and quarter ended December 31, 2009. PNC reported 2009 net income of \$2.4 billion, or \$4.36 per diluted common share, compared with 2008 net income of \$914 million, or \$2.44 per diluted common share. (Earnings results for 2008 do not include operating results for National City.) PNC also reported fourth quarter 2009 net income of \$1.1 billion, or \$2.17 per diluted common share, compared with net income of \$559 million, or \$1.00 per diluted common share, for the third quarter of 2009. PNC reported total consolidated assets of approximately \$269.9 billion, total consolidated deposits of approximately \$186.9 billion and total consolidated shareholders' equity of approximately \$29.9 billion, each as of December 31, 2009. For more details regarding our financial results, please see our Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2009 Earnings Release, which was furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to the first Current Report on Form 8-K furnished on January 21, 2010 and is incorporated herein by reference. The audit of our results for the year ended December 31, 2009 will not be completed until immediately prior to the filing of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Conflicts of interest

Our subsidiary, PNC Capital Markets LLC, is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and is participating in the distribution of the offered securities. The distribution arrangements for this offering comply with the requirements of Rule 2720 of the Conduct Rules of 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.

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The offering

The following summary of the offering contains basic information about the offering and our common stock. It is not intended to be complete, and it does not contain all the information that is important to you. For a more complete understanding of our common stock, please refer to the section of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus entitled "Description of common stock."

Issuer	The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation
Securities offered	shares of common stock, par value \$5 per share.
Over-allotment option	We have granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to _____ additional shares of common stock within 30 days of the date of this prospectus supplement in order to cover over-allotments, if any.
Common stock to be outstanding after this offering	_____ shares of common stock (_____ shares of common stock if the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in full), in each case based on 461,517,833 shares of common stock outstanding as of January 25, 2010, not including 9,483,585 shares held as treasury shares. This does not reflect any issuance of shares of our common stock upon exercise of a warrant to purchase shares of our common stock that we issued to the Department of the Treasury on December 31, 2008 or the conversion of any outstanding stock options or other convertible securities.
Use of proceeds	We estimate that the net proceeds of this offering will be approximately \$ _____ billion (or \$ _____ billion if the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in full), after deducting estimated expenses and underwriting discounts and commissions. PNC and its subsidiaries expect to use the net proceeds from the sale of our common stock, together with other funds, to redeem all of our Series N Preferred Stock.
Risk factors	Please refer to "Risk factors" and other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus for a discussion of factors you should consider carefully before deciding to invest in shares of our common stock.
NYSE symbol	PNC.

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Risk factors

Your investment in our common stock involves risks. This prospectus supplement does not describe all of those risks. Before purchasing any shares of our common stock, you should carefully consider the following risk factors, which are specific to the common shares being offered, as well as the risks and other information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the discussions in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, including in the Risk Factors and Risk Management sections of those reports, as such discussions may be amended or updated in other reports filed by us with the SEC.

Our share price may fluctuate.

The market price of our common stock could be subject to significant fluctuations due to a change in sentiment in the market regarding our operations or business prospects, our merger with National City, our proposed sale of PNC Global Investment Servicing, future sales or acquisitions to which we are a party, this offering or future sales of our securities. Such risks may be affected by, among other things, the following factors:

actual or anticipated quarterly fluctuations in our operating results and financial condition;

operating results that vary from the expectations of management, securities analysts and investors;

changes in financial estimates or publication of research reports and recommendations by financial analysts or actions taken by rating agencies with respect to our common stock or other securities or those of other financial institutions;

developments in our business or in the financial sector generally;

actual or proposed regulatory changes that affect or may affect our industry generally or our business and operations specifically;

the operating and securities price performance of companies that investors consider to be comparable to us;

announcements of strategic developments, acquisitions and other material events by us or our competitors;

our ability to integrate the companies and the businesses that we acquire, including National City and to complete any dispositions that we undertake, including the proposed sale of PNC Global Investment Servicing;

future sales by us or our subsidiaries of equity, equity-related or debt securities;

the amount, if any, of future dividends that we pay on our common stock;

anticipated or pending investigations, proceedings or litigation that involve or affect us;

changes in the credit, mortgage and real estate markets, including the market for mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities;
and

changes in regional, national or global financial markets and economies and general market conditions, such as interest or foreign
exchange rates, stock, commodity, credit or asset valuations or volatility.

Stock markets, in general, have experienced and continue to experience significant price and volume volatility, and the market price of our
common stock may continue to be subject to similar market fluctuations that may be unrelated to our operating performance or prospects.
Increased volatility could result in a decline in the market price of our common stock.

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Our ability to pay dividends on our common stock is subject to a number of limitations. You may not receive dividends on our common stock.

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The terms of each of our outstanding series of preferred stock, including (until redeemed) the Series N Preferred Stock held by the Department of the Treasury, prohibit us from paying dividends with respect to our common stock unless all accrued and unpaid dividends for all completed dividend periods with respect to that preferred stock have been paid. In addition, for three years after issuance or until the Department of the Treasury no longer holds our Series N Preferred Stock (including as a result of the redemption of Series N Preferred Stock contemplated by this prospectus supplement), we will not be able to increase the dividends on our common stock above \$0.66 per common share on a quarterly basis without the Department of the Treasury's approval. Although we intend to use the net proceeds from this offering, together with other funds, to redeem the Series N Preferred Stock, the consummation of this offering is not conditioned upon such redemption.

We are a holding company that conducts substantially all of our operations through our bank subsidiary and other subsidiaries. As a result, our ability to make dividend payments on the common stock depends primarily on certain federal regulatory considerations and the receipt of dividends and other distributions from our subsidiaries. There are various regulatory restrictions on the ability of our banking subsidiary to pay dividends or make other payments to us. For additional information regarding the regulatory restrictions applicable to us and our subsidiaries, see Item 1. Business Supervision and Regulation in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 (as updated by our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 15, 2010), which is incorporated by reference herein.

Holders of our common stock are only entitled to receive such dividends as our board of directors may declare out of funds legally available for such payments. We are incorporated in Pennsylvania and governed by the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law, or PBCL. Our 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. Under the PBCL, PNC cannot pay dividends if, after giving effect to the dividend payments, it would be unable to pay its debts as they become due in the usual course of its business or its total assets would be less than the sum of its total liabilities plus the amount that would be needed if it were to be dissolved at the time as of which the dividend is measured, to satisfy the preferential rights upon dissolution of shareholders whose preferential rights are superior to those receiving the dividends.

The payment of future dividends is subject to the discretion of our board of directors. In determining the amount of any future dividends, our board of directors will consider economic and market conditions, our financial condition and operating results and other factors, including contractual restrictions and applicable governmental regulations and policies (such as those relating to the ability of bank and non-bank subsidiaries to pay dividends to the parent company).

There may be future sales or other dilution of our equity, which may adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

Except as described under Underwriting, we are not restricted from issuing additional common stock, including securities that are convertible into or exchangeable for, or that represent the right to receive, common stock. In connection with our December 31, 2008 sale of \$7.6 billion of preferred stock to the Department of the Treasury, we issued to the Department of the Treasury a warrant to purchase approximately 16.9 million shares of our common stock for \$67.33 per share, subject to adjustment. The warrant expires ten years from the issuance date, and PNC has provided the Department of the Treasury registration rights covering the warrant and the underlying shares of common stock. Although we have the right to repurchase the warrant at a negotiated price, we may not desire or be able to do so; and if we do not repurchase the warrant, the Treasury could either exercise the warrant or sell it to

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third parties. The issuance of additional shares of common stock as a result of exercise of this warrant or the issuance of convertible securities would dilute the ownership interest of our existing common stockholders. In addition, we have in the past and will in the future issue stock options, convertible preferred stock, convertible debentures and/or other securities that may have a dilutive effect on our common stock. The market price of our common stock could decline as a result of this offering, other capital raising strategies or other sales of a large block of shares of our common stock or similar securities in the market after this offering, or the perception that such sales could occur.

Our common stock is equity and is subordinate to our existing and future indebtedness and preferred stock and effectively subordinated to all the indebtedness and other non-common equity claims against our subsidiaries.

Shares of our common stock are equity interests and do not constitute indebtedness. As such, shares of our common stock will rank junior to all of our current and future indebtedness and to other non-equity claims against us and our assets available to satisfy claims against us, including in the event of our liquidation. Additionally, holders of our common stock are subject to the prior dividend and liquidation rights of holders of our outstanding preferred stock. Our board of directors is authorized to issue additional classes or series of preferred stock without any action on the part of the holders of our common stock. In addition, our right to participate in any distribution of assets of any of our subsidiaries upon the subsidiary's liquidation or otherwise, and thus your ability as a holder of the common stock to benefit indirectly from such distribution, will be subject to the prior claims of creditors of that subsidiary, except to the extent that any of our claims as a creditor of such subsidiary may be recognized. As a result, the common stock effectively will be subordinated to all existing and future liabilities and obligations of our subsidiaries. Based on our unaudited preliminary results, as of December 31, 2009, we had \$39.3 billion of borrowed funds and \$186.9 billion of deposits; and the aggregate liquidation preference of our outstanding preferred stock other than our Series N Preferred Stock was \$656 million.

Anti-takeover provisions could negatively impact our stockholders.

Provisions of Pennsylvania law and of our articles of incorporation and by-laws could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire control of us or have the effect of discouraging a third party from attempting to acquire control of us. In its by-laws, PNC has expressly opted out of the protection of Subchapter G of Chapter 25 of the PBCL, which would otherwise enable existing shareholders of PNC in certain circumstances to block the voting rights of an acquiring person who makes or proposes to make a control-share acquisition. PNC has also opted out of the protection of Subchapter H of Chapter 25 of the PBCL, which would otherwise enable PNC to recover certain payments made to shareholders who have evidenced an intent to acquire control of PNC. However, PNC remains subject to certain other provisions of Pennsylvania law that may have the effect of discouraging a takeover of PNC. First, persons who through a control transaction acquire the right to cast at least 20% of the votes required for an election of directors, become subject to the obligation to pay objecting shareholders fair value for their shares. Second, business combinations with a 20%-plus shareholder are subject to heightened voting and approval requirements.

The ability of a third party to acquire us is also limited under applicable banking regulations. The Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 requires any bank holding company (as defined in that Act) to obtain the approval of the Federal Reserve prior to acquiring more than 5% of our outstanding common stock. Any person other than a bank holding company is required to obtain prior approval of the Federal Reserve to acquire 10% or more of our outstanding common stock under the Change in Bank Control Act of 1978. Any holder of 25% or more of our outstanding common stock, other than an individual, is subject to regulation as a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act. Furthermore, while PNC does not have a shareholder rights plan currently in effect, under Pennsylvania law, PNC's board of directors can adopt a shareholder rights plan without stockholder approval. If adopted, a shareholder rights plan could result in substantial dilution to a person or group that attempts to acquire PNC on terms not approved by PNC's board of directors.

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Use of proceeds

We estimate that the net proceeds of this offering will be approximately \$ billion (or \$ billion if the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in full), based on the public offering price of \$ per share, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated expenses. PNC and its subsidiaries expect to use the net proceeds from the sale of our common stock, together with the proceeds of the proposed debt offering described above under Summary Recent developments Proposed debt offering and other funds, to redeem all of our Series N Preferred Stock.

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Our common stock is listed and traded on the NYSE under the symbol PNC. The following table sets forth, for the quarters shown, the range of high and low reported sales prices of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange and the cash dividends declared on our common stock. As of January 25, 2010, we had approximately 461,517,833 shares of common stock outstanding. The last reported sales price of our common stock on the NYSE on February 1, 2010 was \$55.86 per share.

Quarter ended	High	Low	Dividends declared
2010			
March 31 (through February 1, 2010)	\$ 58.94	\$ 52.44	\$ 0.10
2009			
December 31	\$ 57.86	\$ 43.37	\$ 0.10
September 30	48.78	33.06	0.10
June 30	53.22	27.50	0.10
March 31	50.42	16.20	0.66
2008			
December 31	\$ 80.00	\$ 39.09	\$ 0.66
September 30	87.99	49.01	0.66
June 30	73.00	55.22	0.66
March 31	71.20	53.10	0.63

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Description of common stock

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.

General

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

The following summary is not complete. You should refer to the applicable provisions of PNC's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, which you can find as Exhibit 3.1 of PNC's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 (as updated by our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 15, 2010), 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, or PBCL, 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.

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 supplement and the accompanying prospectus 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.

Dividends

Holders of PNC's common stock are entitled to receive only such dividends as our board of directors may declare out of funds legally available for such payments. The payment of future dividends is subject to the discretion of our board of directors which will consider, among other factors, our operating results, overall financial condition, credit-risk considerations and capital requirements, as well as general business and market conditions. We are incorporated in Pennsylvania and governed by the PBCL. PNC's 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. Under the PBCL, PNC cannot pay dividends if, after giving effect to the dividend payments, it would be unable to pay its debts as they become due in the usual course of its business or its total assets would be less than the sum of its total liabilities plus the amount that would be needed if it were to be dissolved at the time as of which the dividend is measured, to satisfy the preferential rights upon dissolution of shareholders whose preferential rights are superior to those

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receiving the dividends. Furthermore, the Federal Reserve, in its expectation that a bank holding company act as a source of financial strength to its subsidiary banks, has reiterated the requirement to inform and consult with the Federal Reserve before paying dividends that could raise safety and soundness concerns.

The terms of each of PNC's outstanding series of preferred stock, including the terms of the senior preferred stock we issued to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, prohibit us from paying dividends with respect to PNC's common stock unless all accrued and unpaid dividends for all completed dividend periods with respect to that preferred stock have been paid. In addition, due to PNC's participation in the U.S. Department of the Treasury's TARP Capital Purchase Program, until the earlier of December 31, 2011 and the date as of which PNC has redeemed all of the Series N Preferred Stock (including as a result of the redemption of the Series N Preferred Stock contemplated by this prospectus supplement) or the U.S. Department of the Treasury has transferred all of the Series N Preferred Stock to third parties, we will not be able to increase the dividends on PNC's common stock above \$0.66 per common share per quarter without the consent of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Although we intend to use the net proceeds from this offering, together with other funds, to redeem the Series N Preferred Stock, the consummation of this offering is not conditioned upon such redemption.

Dividends from PNC's subsidiary bank are the primary source of funds for payment of dividends to PNC stockholders and there are statutory limits on the amount of dividends that our subsidiary bank can pay to us without regulatory approval. PNC is a holding company that conducts substantially all of its operations through its bank subsidiary and other subsidiaries. As a result, PNC's ability to make dividend payments on the common stock depends primarily on certain federal regulatory considerations and the receipt of dividends and other distributions from our subsidiaries. There are various regulatory restrictions on the ability of our banking subsidiary to pay dividends or make other payments to us. For additional information regarding the regulatory restrictions applicable to PNC and its subsidiaries, see Item 1. Business Supervision and Regulation in PNC's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 (as updated by our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 15, 2010), which is incorporated by reference herein.

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.

Other provisions

PNC's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and by-laws contain various provisions that may discourage or delay attempts to gain control of PNC. PNC's by-laws 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 or the Chairman of the board to call a special meeting of shareholders;

- providing advance notice requirements for director nominations and business to be properly brought before a shareholder meeting; and

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

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PNC's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation vest the authority to make, amend and repeal the by-laws in the board of directors, subject to the power of its shareholders to change any such action.

Provisions of Pennsylvania law also could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire control of PNC or have the effect of discouraging a third party from attempting to control PNC. The PBCL allows Pennsylvania corporations to elect to either be covered or not be covered by certain of the anti-takeover provisions. PNC has elected in its bylaws not to be covered by Subchapter G of Chapter 25 of the PBCL, which would otherwise enable existing shareholders of PNC in certain circumstances to block the voting rights of an acquiring person who makes or proposes to make a control-share acquisition. PNC has also opted out of the protection of Subchapter H of Chapter 25 of the PBCL, which would otherwise enable PNC to recover certain payments made to shareholders who have evidenced an intent to acquire control of PNC. However, the following provisions of the PBCL do apply to PNC:

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

unless the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation provided otherwise, action by shareholder consent must be unanimous (Section 2524);

shareholders are not entitled to propose an amendment to the Amended and Restated 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.

The ability of a third party to acquire PNC is also limited under applicable banking regulations. The Bank Holding Company Act requires any bank holding company (as defined in such act) to obtain the approval of the Federal Reserve prior to acquiring more than 5% of our outstanding common stock. Any person other than a bank holding company is required to obtain prior approval of the Federal Reserve to acquire 10% or more of our outstanding common stock under the Change in Bank Control Act of 1978. Any holder of 25% or more of our outstanding common stock, other than an individual, is subject to regulation as a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act. Furthermore, while PNC does not have a shareholder rights plan currently in effect, under Pennsylvania law, PNC's board of directors can adopt a shareholder rights plan without stockholder approval. If adopted, a shareholder rights plan could result in substantial dilution to a person or group that attempts to acquire PNC on terms not approved by PNC's board of directors.

While PNC does not currently have a shareholder rights plan, commonly referred to as a poison pill, under Pennsylvania law, PNC's board of directors can adopt a rights plan without shareholder approval. If adopted, a rights plan could operate to cause substantial dilution to a person or group who attempts to acquire PNC.

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Certain U.S. federal tax considerations for non-U.S. holders of our common stock

The following is a general discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations with respect to the ownership and disposition of shares of our common stock applicable to non-U.S. holders who acquire such shares in this offering and hold such shares as a capital asset within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code) (generally, property held for investment). For purposes of this discussion, a non-U.S. holder means a beneficial owner of our common stock (other than an entity or arrangement that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) that is not, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, any of the following:

a citizen or resident of the United States;

a corporation, or other entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;

an estate, the income of which is includible in gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes regardless of its source; or

a trust if (a) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (b) such trust has made a valid election to be treated as a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

This discussion is based on current provisions of the Code, Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, judicial opinions, published positions of the Internal Revenue Service, and other applicable authorities, all of which are subject to change (possibly with retroactive effect). This discussion does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be important to a particular non-U.S. holder in light of that non-U.S. holder's individual circumstances, nor does it address any aspects of U.S. federal estate and gift, state, local, or non-U.S. taxes. This discussion may not apply, in whole or in part, to particular non-U.S. holders in light of their individual circumstances or to holders subject to special treatment under the U.S. federal income tax laws (such as insurance companies, tax-exempt organizations, financial institutions, brokers or dealers in securities, controlled foreign corporations, passive foreign investment companies, non-U.S. holders that hold our common stock as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion transaction or other integrated investment, non-U.S. holders who actually or constructively own or have owned five percent or more of either the total voting power or the total value of our stock, and certain U.S. expatriates).

If a partnership (or other entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds our common stock, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Partners of a partnership holding our common stock should consult their tax advisor as to the particular U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to them.

THIS SUMMARY IS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO CONSTITUTE A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF ALL TAX CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-U.S. HOLDERS RELATING TO THE OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF OUR COMMON STOCK. PROSPECTIVE HOLDERS OF OUR COMMON STOCK SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR TAX ADVISORS REGARDING THE TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THEM (INCLUDING THE APPLICATION AND EFFECT OF ANY STATE, LOCAL, FOREIGN INCOME AND OTHER TAX LAWS) OF THE OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF OUR COMMON STOCK.

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Dividends

In general, any distributions we make to a non-U.S. holder with respect to its shares of our common stock that constitute a dividend for U.S. federal income tax purposes will be subject to U.S. withholding tax at a rate of 30% of the gross amount, unless the non-U.S. holder is eligible for a reduced rate of withholding tax under an applicable tax treaty and the non-U.S. holder provides proper certification of its eligibility for such reduced rate. A distribution will constitute a dividend for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent of our current or accumulated earnings and profits as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Any distribution not constituting a dividend will be treated first as reducing the adjusted basis in the non-U.S. holder's shares of our common stock and, to the extent it exceeds the adjusted basis in the non-U.S. holder's shares of our common stock, as gain from the sale or exchange of such stock.

Dividends we pay to a non-U.S. holder that are effectively connected with its conduct of a trade or business within the United States (and, if a tax treaty applies, are attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment) will not be subject to U.S. withholding tax, as described above, if the non-U.S. holder complies with applicable certification and disclosure requirements. Instead, such dividends generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis, in the same manner as if the non-U.S. holder were a resident of the United States. Dividends received by a foreign corporation that are effectively connected with its conduct of trade or business within the United States may be subject to an additional branch profits tax at a rate of 30% (or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable tax treaty).

Gain on sale or other disposition of common stock

In general, a non-U.S. holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on any gain realized upon the sale or other disposition of the non-U.S. holder's shares of our common stock unless:

the gain is effectively connected with a trade or business carried on by the non-U.S. holder within the United States (and, if required by an applicable tax treaty, is attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment of such non-U.S. holder);

the non-U.S. holder is an individual and is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of disposition and certain other conditions are met; or

we are or have been a U.S. real property holding corporation, which we refer to as a USRPHC, for U.S. federal income tax purposes at any time within the shorter of the five-year period preceding such disposition or such non-U.S. holder's holding period of our common stock. Gain that is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States (or so treated) generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax, net of certain deductions, at regular U.S. federal income tax rates. If the non-U.S. holder is a foreign corporation, the branch profits tax described above also may apply to such effectively connected gain. An individual non-U.S. holder who is subject to U.S. federal income tax because the non-U.S. holder was present in the United States for 183 days or more during the year of sale or other disposition of our common stock will be subject to a flat 30% tax on the gain derived from such sale or other disposition, which may be offset by United States source capital losses. We believe we are not, and have not been, a USRPHC, and we do not expect to become a USRPHC.

Backup withholding, information reporting and other reporting requirements

We must report annually to the Internal Revenue Service and to each non-U.S. holder the amount of dividends paid to, and the tax withheld with respect to, each non-U.S. holder. These reporting requirements apply regardless of whether withholding was reduced or eliminated by an applicable tax treaty. Copies of this

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information reporting may also be made available under the provisions of a specific tax treaty or agreement with the tax authorities in the country in which the non-U.S. holder resides or is established.

A non-U.S. holder will generally be subject to backup withholding for dividends on our common stock paid to such holder unless such holder certifies under penalties of perjury that, among other things, it is a non-U.S. holder (and the payor does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such holder is a U.S. person as defined under the Code).

Information reporting and backup withholding generally are not required with respect to the amount of any proceeds from the sale or other disposition of our common stock by a non-U.S. holder outside the United States through a foreign office of a foreign broker that does not have certain specified connections to the United States. However, if a non-U.S. holder sells or otherwise disposes of its shares of our common stock through a U.S. broker or the U.S. offices of a foreign broker, the broker will generally be required to report the amount of proceeds paid to the non-U.S. holder to the Internal Revenue Service and also backup withhold on that amount unless such non-U.S. holder provides appropriate certification to the broker of its status as a non-U.S. person or otherwise establishes an exemption (and the payor does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such holder is a U.S. person as defined under the Code). Information reporting will also apply if a non-U.S. holder sells its shares of our common stock through a foreign broker deriving more than a specified percentage of its income from U.S. sources or having certain other connections to the United States, unless such broker has documentary evidence in its records that such non-U.S. holder is a non-U.S. person and certain other conditions are met, or such non-U.S. holder otherwise establishes an exemption (and the payor does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such holder is a U.S. person as defined under the Code).

Backup withholding is not an additional income tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from a payment to a non-U.S. holder generally can be credited against the non-U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, or refunded, provided that the required information is furnished to the Internal Revenue Service in a timely manner. Non-U.S. holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the application of the information reporting and backup withholding rules to them.

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We are offering the shares of common stock described in this prospectus supplement through a number of underwriters. J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated 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 number of shares of common stock listed next to its name in the following table:

Underwriter	Number of shares
J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.	
Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated	
PNC Capital Markets LLC	
Total	

The underwriters are committed to purchase all the common shares offered by us if they purchase any shares. 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 common shares 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 \$ per share. Any such dealers may resell shares to certain other brokers or dealers at a discount of up to \$ per share from the initial public offering price. After the initial public offering of the shares, the offering price and other selling terms may be changed by the underwriters. Sales of shares made outside of the United States may be made by affiliates of the underwriters.

The underwriters have an option to buy up to additional shares of common stock from us to cover sales of shares by the underwriters which exceed the number of shares specified in the table above. The underwriters have 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement to exercise this over-allotment option. If any shares are purchased with this over-allotment option, the underwriters will purchase shares in approximately the same proportion as shown in the table above. If any additional shares of common stock are purchased, the underwriters will offer the additional shares on the same terms as those on which the shares are being offered.

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The underwriting fee is equal to the public offering price per share of common stock less the amount paid by the underwriters to us per share of common stock. The underwriting fee is \$ _____ per share. The following table shows the per share and total underwriting discounts and commissions to be paid to the underwriters assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares.

	Without over-allotment exercise	With full over-allotment exercise
Per Share	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$

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

A prospectus in electronic format may be made available on the websites maintained by one or more underwriters, or selling group members, if any, participating in the offering. The underwriters may agree to allocate a number of shares to underwriters and selling group members for sale to their online brokerage account holders. Internet distributions will be allocated by the representatives to underwriters and selling group members that may make Internet distributions on the same basis as other allocations.

We have agreed that for a period of 90 days after the date of this prospectus supplement we will not (i) offer, pledge, announce the intention to sell, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of our common stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for any shares of our common stock or (ii) enter into any swap or other agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of any shares of common stock (regardless of whether any of such transactions described in clause (i) or (ii) above are to be settled by the delivery of shares of common stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise), in each case without the prior written consent of J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated. The foregoing restriction will not apply to (a) the shares of common stock to be issued and sold in this offering, (b) the grant or issuance of stock options or other securities pursuant to or in connection with any employment contract, benefit plan or similar arrangement with or for the benefit of employees, officers, directors or consultants in effect on the date of this prospectus supplement, (c) sales or issuances of securities pursuant to contractually binding requirements or agreements in effect on the date of this prospectus supplement, (d) any issuance that is the result of an exchange or conversion of any class or series of capital stock for any other series of capital stock pursuant to the terms of such capital stock in effect on the date of this prospectus supplement, or (e) any issuance pursuant to the exercise of the warrant that was issued to the Department of the Treasury pursuant to its TARP Capital Purchase Program.

Our directors and executive officers have entered into lock-up agreements with the underwriters prior to the commencement of this offering pursuant to which each of these persons, with limited exceptions, for a period of 60 days after the date of this prospectus supplement, may not, without the prior written consent of J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, (1) offer, pledge, announce the intention to sell, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of our common stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for shares of our common stock (including, without limitation, any shares of common stock which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by such individual in accordance with SEC rules and any shares of common stock which may be issued upon exercise of a stock option or warrant), or (2) enter into any swap or other agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the common stock, whether any such transaction

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described in clause (1) or (2) above is to be settled by delivery of common stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise. The foregoing restrictions shall not apply to (a) bona fide gifts, (b) dispositions to any trust for the direct or indirect benefit of the applicable director or executive officer and/or a member of his or her immediate family, (c) the transfer or intestate succession to the legal representatives or a member of the immediate family of the applicable director or executive officer, (d) the sale pursuant to any existing contract, instruction or plan in effect on the date of this prospectus supplement that satisfies all of the requirements of Rule 10b5-1(c)(1)(i)(B) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (a Plan), (e) the establishment of any Plan, provided that no sales of common stock or securities convertible into, or exchangeable or exercisable for, common stock, shall be made pursuant to a Plan prior to the expiration of the 60-day period if such Plan was established after the date of this prospectus supplement, (f) dispositions from any grantor retained annuity trust established for the direct benefit of the applicable director or executive officer and/or a member of his or her immediate family pursuant to the terms of such trust, (g) the distribution to any partnership, corporation or limited liability company controlled by the applicable director or executive officer or by a member of his or her immediate family, (h) the disposition pursuant to an existing pledge of common stock or securities convertible into, or exchangeable or exercisable for, common stock as security for a margin account pursuant to the terms of such account, (i) the exercise pursuant to PNC's stock option or other equity award plans currently in effect effected by means of net share settlement or by the delivery or sale of shares of common stock held by the applicable director or executive officer or transactions with PNC pursuant to PNC's equity award plans currently in effect for full or partial payment of taxes required to be paid upon the settlement or vesting of restricted shares of, or restricted stock units settleable in, common stock or (j) dispositions to the extent such dispositions result in net proceeds to the applicable director or executive officer in an amount up to the amount of tax withheld or due from the applicable director or executive officer upon the receipt of common stock pursuant to PNC equity plans currently in effect that do not provide for delivery or sale thereof to PNC to cover such taxes; provided that, in the case of any gift, disposition, transfer or distribution pursuant to clause (a) (other than in the case of charitable gifts to not-for-profit organizations), (b), (c) or (g), each donee, transferee or distributee shall execute and deliver to the representatives a lock-up agreement containing the foregoing terms; and provided further, that, in the case of any gift, disposition, Plan or distribution pursuant to clause (a), (b), (e) or (g), no filing by any party under the Exchange Act or other public announcement shall be required or shall be made voluntarily in connection with such gift, disposition, plan or distribution (other than a filing on a Form 5 made after the expiration of the 60-day period referred to above). For purposes of this paragraph, immediate family shall mean any relationship by blood, marriage or adoption, not more remote than first cousin. In addition, such officers and directors have agreed that, without the prior written consent of J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, they will not, during the period ending 60 days after the date of this prospectus supplement, make any demand for or exercise any right with respect to, the registration of any shares of common stock or any security convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for common stock.

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

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol PNC.

In connection with this offering, the underwriters may engage in stabilizing transactions, which involves making bids for, purchasing and selling shares of common stock in the open market for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the common stock while this offering is in progress. These stabilizing transactions may include making short sales of the common stock, which involves the sale by the underwriters of a greater number of shares of common stock than they are required to purchase in this offering, and purchasing shares of common stock on the open market to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales may be covered shorts, which are short positions in an amount not greater than the underwriters' over-allotment option referred to above, or may be naked shorts, which are short positions to the extent that they are in excess of that amount. The underwriters may close out any covered short position either by exercising their over-allotment option, in whole or in part, or by purchasing shares in the open market. In making this determination, the

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underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market compared to the price at which the underwriters may purchase shares through the over-allotment option. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the common stock in the open market that could adversely affect investors who purchase in this offering. To the extent that the underwriters create a naked short position, they will purchase shares in the open market to cover the position.

The underwriters have advised us that, pursuant to Regulation M of the Exchange Act, they may also engage in other activities that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the common stock, including the imposition of penalty bids. This means that if the representatives of the underwriters purchase common stock in the open market in stabilizing transactions or to cover short sales, the representatives can require the underwriters that sold those shares as part of this offering to repay the underwriting discount received by them. These activities may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of the common stock or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the common stock, and, as a result, the price of the common stock may be higher than the price that otherwise might exist in the open market. If the underwriters commence these activities, they may discontinue them at any time. The underwriters may carry out these transactions on the NYSE, in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

Conflicts of interest

Our subsidiary, PNC Capital Markets LLC, is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and is participating in the distribution of the offered securities. The distribution arrangements for this offering comply with the requirements of Rule 2720 of the Conduct Rules of 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, may use this prospectus supplement and the attached prospectus in connection with offers and sales of the shares of common stock 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.

Certain of the underwriters and their affiliates have in the past provided 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, J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. advised our board of directors in connection with the National City merger and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated is currently advising us in connection with the pending sale of PNC Global Investment Servicing. 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 who come to possess this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus 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

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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.

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.

Switzerland

This document does not constitute a prospectus within the meaning of Art. 652a of the Swiss Code of Obligations. The shares of common stock of PNC 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 shares of common stock may be distributed, published or otherwise made available in Switzerland except in a manner which will not constitute a public offer of the shares of common stock of PNC.

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.

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Legal matters

The validity of the shares of common stock we are offering will be passed upon for us 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. Additionally, certain legal matters relating to the offering will be passed upon for us by Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, special counsel to PNC. The underwriters have been represented in connection with this offering by Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, New York, New York.

Experts

The consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and for the years then ended, incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 15, 2010 and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2008, have been so incorporated in reliance on the report, which contains an explanatory paragraph on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting due to the exclusion of National City that PNC acquired as of December 31, 2008, of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The consolidated statements of income, changes in equity, and cash flows of PNC and its subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2006 (before the effects of the retrospective adjustments to the consolidated financial statements) (not incorporated herein by reference), 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 statement 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.). The retrospective adjustments applied to the consolidated statements of income, changes in equity, and cash flows of PNC and its subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2006 have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. The consolidated statements of income, changes in equity, and cash flows of PNC and its subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2006 incorporated in this prospectus by reference to the January 15, 2010 Current Report on Form 8-K of PNC have been so incorporated by reference in reliance upon the reports of Deloitte & Touche LLP and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

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We may offer and sell the securities listed above from time to time in one or more offerings. We may also issue common stock, preferred stock, or debt securities upon the conversion, exchange or exercise of certain of the securities listed above. One or more selling security holders to be identified in the future may also offer and sell the securities listed above from time to time. This prospectus describes the general terms of these securities and the general manner in which these securities may be offered. When we decide to sell a particular series of securities, we will provide the specific terms of the securities to be offered in supplements to this prospectus. The prospectus supplements will also describe the specific manner in which these securities will be offered and may also supplement, update or amend information in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest.

In addition, PNC Capital Markets LLC and other affiliates of ours may use this prospectus in reoffers and resales in market-making transactions in any of these securities after their initial sale.

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

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

Investing in these securities involves certain risks. For a discussion of certain risks that you should consider in connection with an investment in our securities, see Risk Factors in PNC's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 (as updated by our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 15, 2010) and all subsequent filings under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. See also the

section called Risk Factors on page 4 of this prospectus.

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 15, 2010.

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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 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 and other affiliates of ours may offer and sell those securities in secondary market transactions. PNC Capital Markets LLC 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.

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, unless the context requires otherwise. References to The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, are specifically made where applicable.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

PNC files annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. These filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may also read and copy any document we file with the SEC at its Public Reference Room, located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of its public reference room. 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.

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 information incorporated by reference is considered part of this prospectus, and because we incorporate by reference future filings with the SEC later information that we file will automatically update and supersede this information.

This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents listed below that PNC previously filed with the SEC and any future filings that PNC makes with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14, and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (in each case other than those documents or portions of those documents not deemed to have been filed in accordance with SEC rules) 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:

Company SEC Filings	Period or Date Filed
Annual Report on Form 10-K	Year ended December 31, 2008 (as updated by our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 15, 2010)
Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q	Quarter ended March 31, 2009 Quarter ended June 30, 2009 Quarter ended September 30, 2009
Current Reports on Form 8-K	January 2, 2009 (two filings), February 13, 2009, February 19, 2009, March 3, 2009 (Item 8.01 information only), April 3, 2009, April 14, 2009, May 4, 2009, May 14, 2009, May 27, 2009 (Item 8.01 filing only), June 9, 2009, August 21, 2009, September 21, 2009, November 20, 2009, December 23, 2009 and January 15, 2010 (two filings) (one of the Current Reports filed on January 15, 2010 updates the historical consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 primarily to reflect updated business segment reporting disclosures)
Description of Common Stock on Form 8-A (including any amendment or report filed with the SEC for the purpose of updating this description)	September 24, 1987

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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

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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 PNC's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 (as updated by our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 15, 2010) which report is incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You should also review the risk factors that will be set forth in other documents that we file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#). Additional risk factors may also be set forth in any applicable prospectus supplement.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement, including information incorporated in them by reference, have statements regarding our outlook or expectations for earnings, revenues, expenses, capital levels, liquidity levels, asset quality 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, plan, expect, anticipate, intend, outlook, estimate, forecast, 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 PNC's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2009, June 30, 2009 and September 30, 2009 and in PNC's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 (as updated by our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 15, 2010), filed with the 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 and any accompanying prospectus supplement or in our other filings with the SEC.

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 levels of unemployment.

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

A continuation of recent turbulence in significant portions of the U.S. 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.

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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 and regulatory 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 in the first half of 2010 but will move upward in the second half of the year and our view that the modest economic recovery that began last year will extend through 2010.

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:

Changes resulting from legislative and regulatory responses to the current economic and financial industry environment, including current and future conditions or restrictions imposed as a result of our participation in the TARP Capital Purchase Program.

Other legislative and regulatory reforms, including broad-based restructuring of financial industry regulation as well as changes to laws and regulations involving tax, pension, bankruptcy, consumer protection, and other aspects of the financial institution industry.

Increased litigation risk from recent regulatory and other governmental developments.

Unfavorable resolution of legal proceedings or other claims and regulatory and other governmental inquiries.

The results of the regulatory examination and supervision process, including our failure to satisfy the requirements of agreements with governmental agencies.

Changes in accounting policies and principles.

Our issuance of securities to the US Department of the Treasury may limit our ability to return capital to our shareholders and is dilutive to PNC's common shares. If we are unable previously to redeem the shares, the dividend rate increases substantially after five years.

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, and by our ability to meet evolving regulatory capital standards.

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.

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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.

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

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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 or any prospectus supplement.

In addition, our acquisition of National City Corporation (National City) on December 31, 2008 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. These risks and uncertainties include the following:

The anticipated benefits of the transaction, 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 or attrition in key client, partner and other relationships may be greater than expected.

Legal proceedings or other claims made and governmental investigations currently pending against National City, as well as others that may be filed, made or commenced relating to National City's business and activities before the acquisition, could adversely impact our financial results.

Our ability to achieve anticipated results is also dependent on our ability to bring National City's systems, operating models and controls into conformity with ours and to do so on our planned time schedule. 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 did not previously have any meaningful retail presence.

In addition to the 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.

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THE PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP, INC.

PNC is one of the largest diversified financial services companies in the United States and is headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. As described further below PNC acquired National City on December 31, 2008.

PNC was incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1983 with the consolidation of Pittsburgh National Corporation and Provident National Corporation. Since 1983, PNC has diversified its geographical presence, business mix and product capabilities through internal growth, strategic bank and non-bank acquisitions and equity investments, and the formation of various non-banking subsidiaries.

PNC has businesses engaged in retail banking, corporate and institutional banking, asset management, residential mortgage banking and global investment servicing, providing many of its products and services nationally and others in PNC's primary geographic markets located in Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey, Michigan, Maryland, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Florida, Missouri, Virginia, Delaware, Washington, DC and Wisconsin. PNC also provides certain investment servicing internationally.

On December 31, 2008, PNC acquired National City for approximately \$6.1 billion. The total consideration included approximately \$5.6 billion of PNC common stock, \$150 million of preferred stock, and cash paid to warrant holders by National City.

PNC completed the acquisition primarily by issuing approximately 95 million shares of PNC common stock. In accordance with purchase accounting methodologies, National City Bank's balance sheet was adjusted to fair value at which time the bank was under-capitalized from a regulatory perspective. However, PNC's consolidated balance sheet remained well-capitalized and liquid.

On December 31, 2008 PNC issued to the US Department of the Treasury \$7.6 billion of preferred stock together with a warrant to purchase shares of common stock of PNC, in accordance with the terms of the TARP Capital Purchase Program. These proceeds were used to enhance National City Bank's regulatory capital position to well-capitalized in order to continue serving the credit and deposit needs of existing and new customers. On a consolidated basis, these proceeds also resulted in further improvement to our liquidity and capital positions.

We completed the required divestiture of 61 of National City Bank's branches including \$4.1 billion of deposits and \$.8 billion of loans by September 4, 2009. We merged National City Bank into PNC Bank, National Association (PNC Bank) on November 6, 2009.

PNC stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol PNC. As of September 30, 2009, PNC had total consolidated assets of approximately \$271.4 billion, total consolidated deposits of approximately \$183.8 billion and total consolidated shareholders' equity of approximately \$28.9 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 businesses can pay dividends only 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.

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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.

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The following unaudited table presents the consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges as defined in Item 503(d) of Regulation S-K for The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. and subsidiaries. You should read these ratios in conjunction with exhibit 12.1 and the other information in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2009, which report is incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

	Nine months ended	Year Ended December 31				
	September 30, 2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges						
Excluding interest on deposits	2.46x	2.08x	2.44x	5.64x	3.93x	5.86x
Including interest on deposits	1.65	1.45	1.55	2.60	2.18	3.06

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

The following unaudited table presents the consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges and preferred stock dividends as defined in Item 503(d) of Regulation S-K for The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. and subsidiaries. You should read these ratios in conjunction with exhibit 12.2 and the other information in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2009, which report is incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

	Nine months ended	Year Ended December 31				
	September 30, 2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges and preferred stock dividends						
Excluding interest on deposits	1.80x	2.02x	2.44x	5.63x	3.93x	5.84x
Including interest on deposits	1.42	1.44	1.55	2.60	2.18	3.06

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 or redemption of outstanding indebtedness,

redemption of outstanding warrants, and

repurchases of issued and outstanding shares of common and/or preferred stock.

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. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of securities covered by this prospectus that are sold by any selling security holders.

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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, a second supplemental indenture dated as of February 15, 2000, a third supplemental indenture dated as of December 19, 2008, a fourth supplemental indenture dated as of December 19, 2008 and a fifth supplemental indenture dated as of March 31, 2009, a copy of which has been filed with the SEC. The Bank of New York Mellon, successor to 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 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 The Bank of New York Mellon, successor to The Bank of New York, successor to 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 June 30, 2005 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,

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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,

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,

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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.

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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 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:

5 1/4% Subordinated Notes Due 2015 and 5.625% Subordinated Notes due 2017.

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)

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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)

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

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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:

5 1/4% Subordinated Notes Due 2015 and 5.625% Subordinated Notes due 2017.

The 4.625% Subordinated Notes due 2013 originally issued by Mercantile Bankshares Corporation, which are obligations of PNC, are also not considered senior indebtedness of PNC. Additionally, the 6.875% Subordinated Notes due 2019 originally issued by National City Corporation, 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)

Senior indebtedness of PNC includes PNC's guarantee of any outstanding senior notes of PNC Funding, any senior notes that are direct obligations of PNC, including those obligations assumed by PNC upon the closing of the acquisition of National City and PNC's guarantee of any outstanding commercial paper issued by PNC Funding. 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)

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

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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 (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:

5 1/4% Subordinated Notes Due 2015 and 5.625% Subordinated Notes due 2017.

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.

The subordinated guarantees will also rank equally with the 4.625% Subordinated Notes due 2013 originally issued by Mercantile Bankshares Corporation, which are obligations of PNC, and the 6.875% Subordinated Notes due 2019 originally issued by National City Corporation, which are obligations of PNC.

PNC's junior subordinated debentures, discussed below, 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. The section below provides a description of the covenants. You should review the full text of the covenants to be able to evaluate 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:

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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, PNC's 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 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,

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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 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. (Section 5.06) (Section 10.06)

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PNC must only comply with this covenant if there are outstanding senior debt securities and a breach of this covenant is not a default with respect to subordinated debt securities.

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 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 consent of the holder of each security:

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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)

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) If there are no senior debt securities outstanding, PNC may omit to comply with the covenant described under the caption above entitled **Restriction on Sale or**

Issuance of Voting Stock of a Principal Subsidiary Bank without obtaining a waiver from the holders of subordinated debt securities. (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:

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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,

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

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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))

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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. (Section 14.01) 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;

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;

