UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

JULY 9, 1997
DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED)

PNC BANK CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-9718

Pennsylvania (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 25-1435979 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

ONE PNC PLAZA
249 FIFTH AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15222-2707
(Address of principal executive offices)
(Zip Code)

(412) 762-1553

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On July 9, 1997, PNC Funding Corp ("Funding") and PNC Bank Corp. (the "Corporation") entered into an Underwriting Agreement with Smith Barney Inc., relating to the public offering of \$350,000,000 aggregate principal amount (the "Principal Amount") of 6 7/8% Subordinated Notes Due 2007 of Funding (the "6 7/8% Notes"), unconditionally guaranteed, on a subordinated basis, as to payment of principal and interest by the Corporation (the "Guarantee"), at a purchase price of 99.650% of the Principal Amount, plus accrued interest, if any, from July 14, 1997. The closing is expected to occur on July 14, 1997.

The Underwriting Agreement is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 1. The 6 7/8% Notes are being issued pursuant to Registration Statement on Form S-3, as amended (No. 33-55114), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and declared effective on February 11, 1993. A Prospectus Supplement dated July 9, 1997, relating to the 6 7/8% Notes was filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b)(5) and Rule 424(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on July 11, 1997.

The form of Debt Security and related Guarantee previously filed as Exhibit 4 to the Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 24, 1994 is substantially identical to the form of 6 7/8% Note and related Guarantee, except as follows. With respect to 6 7/8% Notes, the CUSIP No. is 693476AJ2, and they bear interest at a rate of 6 7/8% per annum from July 14, 1997, payable semiannually in arrears on January 15 and July 15 of each year, commencing January 15, 1998 (each, an "Interest Payment Date") to persons in whose names the 6 7/8% Notes are registered at the close of business on the December 31 and June 30, as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Dates. The 6 7/8% Notes mature on July 15, 2007. The 6 7/8% Notes rank pari passu with Funding's 6 7/8% Subordinated Notes Due 2003, 6 1/8% Subordinated Notes Due 2003 and 7 3/4% Subordinated Notes Due 2004. The Chase Manhattan Bank, formerly known as Chemical Bank, successor by merger to Manufacturer Hanover Trust Company, is the Trustee.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

The exhibits listed on the Exhibit Index on page 3 of this Form 8-K are filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

PNC BANK CORP. (Registrant)

Date: July 11, 1997

By: /s/ Robert L. Haunschild
----Robert L. Haunschild
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

- Form of Underwriting Agreement dated as of July 9, 1997, among PNC Funding Corp, PNC Bank Corp., and the underwriter named therein, filed herewith.
- Form of Debt Security and related Guarantee incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4 to PNC Bank Corp.'s Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 24, 1994 (See Item 5).
- 99 By-laws of PNC Bank Corp., as amended effective July 2, 1997, filed herewith.

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PNC Funding Corp, Issuer and PNC Bank Corp., Guarantor

Underwriting Agreement

New York, New York July 9, 1997

To the Representatives named in Schedule I hereto of the Underwriters named in Schedule II hereto

Dear Sirs:

PNC Funding Corp, a Pennsylvania corporation (the "Company"), proposes to sell to the underwriters named in Schedule II hereto (the "Underwriters"), for whom you are acting as representatives (the "Representatives"), the principal amount of its securities identified in Schedule I hereto (together with the guarantees mentioned below, the "Securities") to be guaranteed by PNC Bank Corp., a Pennsylvania Corporation (the "Guarantor"), and to be issued under an indenture dated as of December 1, 1991, among the Company, the Guarantor and The Chase Manhattan Bank (formerly known as Chemical Bank, successor by merger to Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company), as trustee (the "Trustee"), as amended by a Supplemental Indenture dated as of February 15, 1993, among the Company, the Guarantor and the Trustee (as amended, the "Indenture"). If the firm or firms listed in Schedule II hereto include only the firm or firms listed in Schedule I hereto, then the terms "Underwriters" and "Representatives," as used herein, shall each be deemed to refer to such firm or firms.

- 1. Representations and Warranties. The Company and the Guarantor represent and warrant to, and agree with, each Underwriter as set forth below in this Section 1. Certain terms used in this Section 1 are defined in paragraph (c) hereof.
 - (a) If the offering of the Securities is a Delayed Offering (as specified in Schedule I hereto), paragraph (i) below is applicable and, if

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the offering of the Securities is a Non-Delayed Offering (as so specified), paragraph (ii) below is applicable.

(i) The Company and the Guarantor meet the requirements for the use of Form S-3 under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Act") and have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a registration statement (the file number of which is set forth in Schedule I hereto), on such Form, including a basic prospectus, for registration under the Act of the offering and sale of the Securities. The Company and the Guarantor may have filed one or more amendments thereto, and may have used a Preliminary Final Prospectus, each of which has previously been furnished to you. Such registration statement, as so amended, has become effective. The offering of the Securities is a Delayed Offering and, accordingly, it is not necessary that any further information with respect to the Securities and the offering thereof required by the Act and the rules thereunder to be included in the Final Prospectus have been included in an amendment to such registration statement prior to the Effective Date. The Company and the Guarantor will next file with the Commission pursuant to Rules 415 and 424(b)(2) or (5) a final supplement to the form of prospectus included in such registration statement relating to the Securities and the offering thereof. As filed, such final prospectus supplement shall include all required information with respect to the Securities and the offering thereof and, except to the extent the Representatives shall agree in

writing to a modification, shall be in all substantive respects in the form furnished to you prior to the Execution Time or, to the extent not completed at the Execution Time, shall contain only such specific additional information and other changes (beyond that contained in the Basic Prospectus and any Preliminary Final Prospectus) as the Company has advised you, prior to the Execution Time, will be included or made therein

(ii) The Company and the Guarantor meet the requirements for the use of Form S-3 under

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the Act and have filed with the Commission a registration statement (the file number of which is set forth in Schedule I hereto) on such Form, including a basic prospectus, for registration under the Act of the offering and sale of the Securities. The Company and the Guarantor may have filed one or more amendments thereto, including a Preliminary Final Prospectus, each of which has previously been furnished to you. The Company and the Guarantor will next file with the Commission either (x) a final prospectus supplement relating to the Securities in accordance with Rules 430A and 424(b)(1) or (4), or (y) prior to the effectiveness of such registration statement, an amendment to such registration statement, including the form of final prospectus supplement. In the case of clause (x), the Company and the Guarantor included in such registration statement, as amended at the Effective Date, all information (other than Rule 430A Information) required by the Act and the rules thereunder to be included in the Final Prospectus with respect to the Securities and the offering thereof. As filed, such final prospectus supplement or such amendment and form of final prospectus supplement shall contain all Rule 430A Information, together with all other such required information, with respect to the Securities and the offering thereof and, except to the extent the Representatives shall agree in writing to a modification, shall be in all substantive respects in the form furnished to you prior to the Execution Time or, to the extent not completed at the Execution Time, shall contain only such specific additional information and other changes (beyond that contained in the Basic Prospectus and any Preliminary Final Prospectus) as the Company has advised you, prior to the Execution Time, will be included or made therein.

(b) On the Effective Date, the Registration Statement did or will, and when the Final Prospectus is first filed (if required) in accordance with Rule 424(b) and on the Closing Date, the Final Prospectus (and any supplement thereto) will, comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Act and the

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Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and the respective rules thereunder; on the Effective Date, the Registration Statement did not or will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading; and, on the Effective Date, the Final Prospectus, if not filed pursuant to Rule 424(b), did not or will not, and on the date of any filing pursuant to Rule 424(b) and on the Closing Date, the Final Prospectus (together with any supplement thereto) will not, include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, that the Company and the Guarantor make no representations or warranties as to (i) that part of the Registration Statement which shall constitute the Statement of Eligibility and Qualification (Form T-1) under the Trust Indenture Act of the Trustee or (ii) the information contained in or omitted from the Registration Statement or the Final Prospectus (or any

supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Company or the Guarantor by or on behalf of any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use in connection with the preparation of the Registration Statement or the Final Prospectus (or any supplement thereto).

(c) The terms which follow, when used in this Agreement, shall have the meanings indicated. The term "the Effective Date" shall mean each date that the Registration Statement and any post effective amendment or amendments thereto became or become effective. "Execution Time" shall mean the date and time that this Agreement is executed and delivered by the parties hereto. "Basic Prospectus" shall mean the prospectus referred to in paragraph (a) above contained in the Registration Statement at the Effective Date including, in the case of a Non-Delayed Offering, any Preliminary Final Prospectus. "Preliminary Final Prospectus" shall mean any preliminary prospectus supplement to the Basic Prospectus which describes the Securities and the offering thereof and is used prior to filing of the Final Prospectus. "Final Prospectus" shall mean the

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prospectus supplement relating to the Securities that is first filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) after the Execution Time, together with the Basic Prospectus or, if, in the case of a Non-Delayed Offering, no filing pursuant to Rule 424(b) is required, shall mean the form of final prospectus relating to the Securities, including the Basic Prospectus, included in the Registration Statement at the Effective Date. "Registration Statement" shall mean the registration statement referred to in paragraph (a) above, including incorporated documents, exhibits and financial statements, as amended at the Execution Time (or, if not effective at the Execution Time, in the form in which it shall become effective) and, in the event any post effective amendment thereto becomes effective prior to the Closing Date (as hereinafter defined), shall also mean such registration statement as so amended. Such term shall include any Rule 430A Information deemed to be included therein at the Effective Date as provided by Rule 430A. "Rule 415," "Rule 424," "Rule 430A" and "Regulation S-K" refer to such rules or regulation under the Act. "Rule 430A Information" means information with respect to the Securities and the offering thereof permitted to be omitted from the Registration Statement when it becomes effective pursuant to Rule 430A. Any reference herein to the Registration Statement, the Basic Prospectus, any Preliminary Final Prospectus or the Final Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 which were filed under the Exchange Act on or before the Effective Date of the Registration Statement or the issue date of the Basic Prospectus, any Preliminary Final Prospectus or the Final Prospectus, as the case may be; and any reference herein to the terms "amend," "amendment" or "supplement" with respect to the Registration Statement, the Basic Prospectus, any Preliminary Final Prospectus or the Final Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the filing of any document under the Exchange Act after the Effective Date of the Registration Statement or the issue date of the Basic Prospectus, any Preliminary Final Prospectus or the Final Prospectus, as the case may be, deemed to be incorporated therein by reference. A "Non-Delayed Offering" shall mean an offering of securities which is intended to commence promptly after the effective date of a registration statement, with

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the result that, pursuant to Rules 415 and 430A, all information (other than Rule 430A Information) with respect to the securities so offered must be included in such registration statement at the effective date thereof. A "Delayed Offering" shall mean an offering of securities pursuant to Rule 415 which does not commence promptly after the effective date of a registration statement, with the result that only information required pursuant to Rule 415 need be included in such registration statement at the effective date thereof with respect to the securities so

offered. Whether the offering of the Securities is a Non-Delayed Offering or a Delayed Offering shall be set forth in Schedule I hereto.

2. Purchase and Sale. Subject to the terms and conditions and in reliance upon the representations and warranties herein set forth, the Company agrees to, and the Guarantor agrees to cause the Company to, sell to each Underwriter, and each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company, at the purchase price set forth in Schedule I hereto the number of shares of the Securities set forth opposite such Underwriter's name in Schedule II hereto, except that, if Schedule I hereto provides for the sale of Securities pursuant to delayed delivery arrangements, the respective principal amounts of Securities to be purchased by the Underwriters shall be as set forth in Schedule II hereto less the respective amounts of Contract Securities determined as provided below. Securities to be purchased by the Underwriters are herein sometimes called the "Underwriters' Securities" and Securities to be purchased pursuant to Delayed Delivery Contracts as hereinafter provided are herein called "Contract Securities."

If so provided in Schedule I hereto, the Underwriters are authorized to solicit offers to purchase Securities from the Company pursuant to delayed delivery contracts ("Delayed Delivery Contracts"), substantially in the form of Schedule III hereto but with such changes therein as the Company and the Guarantor may authorize or approve. The Underwriters will endeavor to make such arrangements and, as compensation therefor, the Company will pay, and the Guarantor will cause the Company to pay, to the Representatives, for the account of the Underwriters, on the Closing Date, the percentage set forth in Schedule I hereto of the principal amount of the Securities for which Delayed Delivery Contracts are made. Delayed

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Delivery Contracts are to be with institutional investors, including commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies and educational and charitable institutions. The Company will enter into, and the Guarantor will cause the Company to enter into, Delayed Delivery Contracts in all cases where sales of Contract Securities arranged by the Underwriters have been approved by the Company but, except as the Company may otherwise agree, each such Delayed Delivery Contract must be for not less than the minimum principal amount set forth in Schedule I hereto and the aggregate principal amount of Contract Securities may not exceed the maximum aggregate principal amount set forth in Schedule I hereto. The Underwriters will not have any responsibility in respect of the validity or performance of Delayed Delivery Contracts. The principal amount of Securities to be purchased by each Underwriter as set forth in Schedule II hereto shall be reduced by an amount which shall bear the same proportion to the total principal amount of Contract Securities as the principal amount of Securities set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter bears to the aggregate principal amount set forth in Schedule II hereto, except to the extent that you determine that such reduction shall be otherwise than in such proportion and so advise the Company in writing; provided, however, that the total principal amount of Securities to be purchased by all Underwriters shall be the aggregate principal amount set forth in Schedule II hereto less the aggregate principal amount of Contract Securities.

3. Delivery and Payment. Delivery of and payment for the Underwriters' Securities shall be made on the date and at the time specified in Schedule I hereto (or such later date not later than five business days after such specified date as the Representatives shall designate), which date and time may be postponed by agreement among the Representatives, the Company and the Guarantor or as provided in Section 8 hereof (such date and time of delivery and payment for the Underwriters' Securities being herein called the "Closing Date"). Delivery of the Underwriters' Securities shall be made to the Representatives for the respective accounts of the several Underwriters against payment by the several Underwriters through the Representatives of the purchase price thereof to or upon the order of the Company by wire transfer of Federal or similar same day funds. Delivery of the Underwriters' Securities shall be made at such location in The City of New York as the Representatives shall reasonably

designate at least one business day in advance of the Closing Date and payment for the Securities shall be made at the office specified in Schedule I hereto. Certificates for the Underwriters' Securities shall be registered in such names (including the nominee for any depositary which will hold Securities to be established for "book entry" issuance and transfer) and in such denominations as the Representatives may request not less than two full business days in advance of the Closing Date.

The Company and the Guarantor agree to have the Underwriters' Securities available for inspection, checking and packaging by the Representatives in New York, New York, not later than 1:00 p.m. on the business day prior to the Closing Date.

- 4. Agreements. The Company and the Guarantor jointly and severally agree with the several Underwriters that:
 - (a) The Company and the Guarantor will use their best efforts to cause the Registration Statement, if not effective at the Execution Time, and any amendment thereto, to become effective. Prior to the termination of the offering of the Securities, the Company and the Guarantor will not file any amendment to the Registration Statement or supplement (including the Final Prospectus or any Preliminary Final Prospectus) to the Basic Prospectus unless the Company and the Guarantor have furnished you a copy for your review prior to filing and will not file any such proposed amendment or supplement to which you reasonably object. Subject to the foregoing sentence, the Company and the Guarantor will cause the Final Prospectus, properly completed, and any supplement thereto to be filed with the Commission pursuant to the applicable paragraph of Rule 424(b) within the time period prescribed and will provide evidence satisfactory to the Representatives of such timely filing. The Company and the Guarantor will promptly advise the Representatives (i) when the Registration Statement, if not effective at the Execution Time, and any amendment thereto, shall have become effective, (ii) when the Final Prospectus, and any supplement thereto, shall have been filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b), (iii) when, prior to termination of the offering of the Securities, any amendment to the Registration Statement shall have been filed or

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become effective, (iv) of any request by the Commission for any amendment of the Registration Statement or supplement to the Final Prospectus or for any additional information, (v) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or the institution or threatening of any proceeding for that purpose and (vi) of the receipt by the Company or the Guarantor of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the Securities for sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose. The Company and the Guarantor will use their best efforts to prevent the issuance of any such stop order and, if issued, to obtain as soon as possible the withdrawal thereof.

- (b) If, at any time when a prospectus relating to the Securities is required to be delivered under the Act, any event occurs as a result of which the Final Prospectus as then supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein in the light of the circumstances under which they were made not misleading, or if it shall be necessary to amend the Registration Statement or supplement the Final Prospectus to comply with the Act or the Exchange Act or the respective rules thereunder, the Company and the Guarantor promptly will prepare and file with the Commission, subject to the second sentence of paragraph (a) of this Section 4, an amendment or supplement which will correct such statement or omission or effect such compliance.
- (c) As soon as practicable, the Guarantor will make generally available to its security holders and to the $\,$

Representatives an earnings statement or statements of the Guarantor and its subsidiaries which will satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Act and Rule 158 under the Act.

(d) The Company and the Guarantor will furnish to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters, without charge, copies of the Registration Statement (including exhibits thereto) and, so long as delivery of a prospectus by an Underwriter or dealer may be required by the Act, as many copies of any Preliminary Final Prospectus and the Final Prospectus and any supplement thereto

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as the Representatives may reasonably request. The Company and the Guarantor will pay the expenses of printing or other production of all documents relating to the offering.

- (e) The Company and the Guarantor will use their best efforts to arrange for the qualification of the Securities for sale under the laws of such jurisdictions as the Representatives may designate, will maintain such qualifications in effect so long as required for the distribution of the Securities and will arrange for the determination of the legality of the Securities for purchase by institutional investors; provided, however, that neither the Company nor the Guarantor shall be required to qualify to do business in any jurisdiction where it is not now qualified or to take any action which would subject it to general or unlimited service of process in any jurisdiction where they are not now subject.
- (f) Until the business day following the Closing Date, the Company and the Guarantor will not, without the consent of the Representatives, offer, sell or contract to sell, or announce the offering of, any debt securities covered by the Registration Statement or any other registration statement filed under the Act.
- 5. Conditions to the Obligations of the Underwriters. The obligations of the Underwriters to purchase the Underwriters' Securities shall be subject to the accuracy in all material respects of the representations and warranties on the part of the Company and the Guarantor contained herein as of the Execution Time and the Closing Date, to the accuracy in all material respects of the statements of the Company and the Guarantor made in any certificates pursuant to the provisions hereof, to the performance in all material respects by the Company and the Guarantor of their obligations hereunder and to the following additional conditions:
 - (a) If the Registration Statement has not become effective prior to the Execution Time, unless the Representatives agree in writing to a later time, the Registration Statement will become effective not later than (i) 6:00 p.m. New York City time, on the date of determination of the public offering price, if such determination occurred at or prior to 3:00 p.m. New York City

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time on such date or (ii) 12:00 Noon on the business day following the day on which the public offering price was determined, if such determination occurred after 3:00 p.m. New York City time on such date; if filing of the Final Prospectus, or any supplement thereto, is required pursuant to Rule 424(b), the Final Prospectus, and any such supplement, shall have been filed in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b); and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued and no proceedings for that purpose shall have been instituted or threatened.

- (b) The Company and the Guarantor shall have furnished to the Representatives the opinion of Melanie S. Cibik, Esq., Senior Counsel of the Guarantor, dated the Closing Date, to the effect that:
 - (i) Each of the Company and the Guarantor is a

corporation validly organized and presently subsisting under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with all requisite corporate power and authority to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the Final Prospectus, except for such power and authority the absence of which would not have a material adverse effect on the Guarantor or the Company, as the case may be; and the Guarantor is duly registered as a bank holding company under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended;

- (ii) PNC Bank, National Association ("PNC Bank, N.A.") is a national banking organization validly existing in good standing under the laws of the United States, with all requisite corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and conduct its business as described in the Final Prospectus, except for such power and authority the absence of which would not have a material adverse effect on PNC Bank, N.A.;
- (iii) all the outstanding shares of capital stock of PNC Bank, N.A. have been duly and validly authorized and issued and (except as provided in 12 U.S.C. Section 55) are fully paid and nonassessable, and, except as otherwise set forth in the Final Prospectus, all

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outstanding shares of capital stock of PNC Bank, N.A. are owned by the Guarantor either directly or through wholly owned subsidiaries free and clear of any perfected security interest and, to the knowledge of such counsel, after due inquiry, any other security interests, claims, liens or encumbrances;

- (iv) the Guarantor's authorized equity capitalization, if set forth in the Final Prospectus, is as set forth in the Final Prospectus; the Securities conform in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Final Prospectus; and, if the Securities are to be listed on any stock exchange, authorization therefor has been given, subject to official notice of issuance and evidence of satisfactory distribution, or the Company and the Guarantor have filed a preliminary listing application and all required supporting documents with respect to the Securities with such stock exchange and nothing has caused such counsel to believe that the Securities will not be authorized for listing, subject to official notice of issuance and evidence of satisfactory distribution;
- (v) the Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered, has been duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act, and constitutes a legal, valid and binding instrument enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, readjustment of debt, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally or general equitable principles (whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law); and the Securities have been duly authorized and, when executed and authenticated in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and delivered to and paid for by the Underwriters pursuant to this Agreement, in the case of the Underwriters' Securities, or by the purchasers thereof pursuant to Delayed Delivery Contracts, in the case of any Contract Securities, will constitute legal, valid and

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binding obligations of the Company and the Guarantor entitled to the benefits of the Indenture;

(vi) to the best knowledge of such counsel, there is no pending or threatened action, suit or proceeding before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries, of a character required to be disclosed in the Registration Statement which is not adequately disclosed in the Final Prospectus, and there is no franchise, contract or other document of a character required to be described in the Registration Statement or Final Prospectus, or to be filed as an exhibit, which is not described or filed as required; and the statements included or incorporated in the Final Prospectus describing any legal proceedings or material contracts or agreements relating to the Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries, and the statements in the Final Prospectus under the caption "Certain Tax Considerations", fairly summarize such matters in all material respects;

(vii) the Registration Statement has become effective under the Act; any required filing of the Basic Prospectus, any Preliminary Final Prospectus and the Final Prospectus, and any supplements thereto, pursuant to Rule 424(b) has been made in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b); to the best knowledge of such counsel, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued, no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or threatened, and the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus (other than the financial statements and other financial and statistical information contained or incorporated therein, and that part of the Registration Statement which constitutes the Statement of Eligibility and Qualification (Form T-1) of the Trustee under the Trust Indenture Act, as to which such counsel need express no opinion) comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable requirements of that Act and the Exchange Act and the respective rules

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thereunder; and nothing has come to the attention of such counsel that has caused such counsel to believe that at the Effective Date the Registration Statement contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or that the Final Prospectus includes any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading except that such counsel does not express any opinion or belief as to the financial statements or schedules or other data of a statistical or financial nature included or incorporated therein or as to that part of the Registration Statement which constitutes the Statement of Eligibility and Qualification (Form T-1) of the Trustee under the Trust Indenture Act; or

(viii) this Agreement and any Delayed Delivery Contracts have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Guarantor;

(ix) no consent, approval, authorization or order of any court or governmental agency or body is required for the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein or in any Delayed Delivery Contracts, except such as have been obtained under the Act and such as may be required under the blue sky laws of any jurisdiction in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Securities by the Underwriters and such other approvals (specified in such opinion) as have been obtained;

(x) neither the issue and sale of the Securities, nor the consummation of any other of the transactions herein contemplated nor the fulfillment of the terms hereof or of any Deposit Agreement or Delayed Delivery Contracts will (A) violate the charter or by-laws of the Company or the Guarantor, or (B) violate, result in a breach of, or constitute a default under the terms of any material indenture or other material agreement or

instrument known to such counsel and to which the Company, the Guarantor or PNC Bank, N.A. is a party or bound, or (C) violate any material order or regulation known to such counsel to be applicable to the Company, the Guarantor or PNC Bank, N.A. of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body or arbitrator having jurisdiction over the Company, or the Guarantor or PNC Bank, N.A.; and

 (\mbox{xi}) no holders of securities of the Company have rights to the registration of such securities under the Registration Statement.

In rendering such opinion, such counsel will opine only as to matters involving the application of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the United States and may rely (A) as to matters involving the application of laws of any jurisdiction other than the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the United States, to the extent deemed proper and specified in such opinion, upon the opinion of other counsel of good standing believed to be reliable and who are reasonably satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, except that it will not be required that such counsel obtain an opinion of New York counsel as to matters of New York law in order to render such opinion or that such counsel express an opinion as to matters arising under the laws of any jurisdiction other than the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and matters of federal law arising under the laws of the United States of America, and (B) as to matters of fact, to the extent deemed proper, on certificates of responsible officers of the Corporation and public officials. References to the Final Prospectus in this paragraph (b) include any supplements thereto at the Closing Date.

(c) The Representatives shall have received from Cravath, Swaine & Moore, counsel for the Underwriters, such opinion or opinions, dated the Closing Date, with respect to the issuance and sale of the Securities, any Delayed Delivery Contracts, the Registration Statement, the Final Prospectus (together with any supplement thereto) and other related matters as the Representatives may reasonably require, and the Company shall have furnished to such counsel such documents as they reasonably request for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon such matters.

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- (d) The Guarantor shall have furnished to the Representatives a certificate of the Guarantor, signed by the Chairman of the Board, the President, a Vice Chairman of the Board or any Executive or Senior Vice President and the principal financial or accounting officer of the Guarantor, dated the Closing Date, to the effect that the signers of such certificate have carefully examined the Registration Statement, the Final Prospectus, any supplement to the Final Prospectus and this Agreement and that:
 - (i) the representations and warranties of the Company and the Guarantor in this Agreement are true and correct in all material respects on and as of the Closing Date with the same effect as if made on the Closing Date and the Company and the Guarantor have complied in all material respects with all the agreements and satisfied in all material respects all the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied at or prior to the Closing Date;
 - (ii) no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or, to the Guarantor's knowledge, threatened; and
 - (iii) since the date of the most recent financial statements included in the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto), there has been no material adverse change in the condition (financial or other), earnings, business or properties of the Guarantor and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto).

(e) At the Closing Date, Ernst & Young shall have furnished to the Representatives a letter or letters (which may refer to letters previously delivered to one or more of the Representatives), dated as of the Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, confirming that they are independent accountants within the

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meaning of the Act and the Exchange Act and the respective applicable published rules and regulations thereunder and stating in effect that:

- (i) in their opinion the audited financial statements and financial statement schedules included or incorporated in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus and reported on by them comply in form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of the Act and the Exchange Act and the related published rules and regulations;
- (ii) on the basis of a reading of the latest unaudited financial statements made available by the Guarantor and its subsidiaries; carrying out certain specified procedures (but not an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards) which would not necessarily reveal matters of significance with respect to the comments set forth in such letter; a reading of the minutes of the meetings of the shareholders and directors of the Guarantor and the audit and executive committees thereof and inquiries of certain officials of the Guarantor who have responsibility for financial and accounting matters of the Guarantor and its subsidiaries as to transactions and events subsequent to the date of the most recent audited financial statements in or incorporated in the Final Prospectus, nothing came to their attention which caused them to believe that: (1) any unaudited financial statements included or incorporated in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus do not comply in form in all material respects with applicable accounting requirements and with the published rules and regulations of the Commission with respect to the financial statements included or incorporated in quarterly reports on Form 10-Q under the Exchange Act; and said unaudited financial statements are not in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis substantially consistent with that of the audited financial statements included or incorporated in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus; or (2) with respect to the period subsequent to the date of the most recent

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audited financial statements incorporated in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus, there were, at a specified date not more than five business days prior to the date of the letter, any increases in borrowed funds of the Guarantor and the Company or any decreases in the capital stock of the Guarantor or the stockholders' equity of the Guarantor as compared with the amounts shown on the most recent consolidated balance sheet incorporated in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus, or for the period from the date of the most recent audited or unaudited financial statements incorporated in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus to such specified date there were any decreases, as compared with the corresponding period in the preceding year, in total or per share amounts of consolidated net income of the Guarantor or consolidated net interest income except in all instances for changes or decreases set forth in such letter, in which case the letter shall be accompanied by an explanation by the Guarantor as to the significance thereof unless said explanation is not deemed necessary by the Representative; and

(iii) they have performed certain other specified procedures as a result of which they determined that

certain information of an accounting, financial or statistical nature (which is limited to accounting, financial or statistical information derived from the general accounting records of the Guarantor and its subsidiaries) set forth in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus, including the information included or incorporated in Items 1, 5, 6 and 7 of the Guarantor's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996, incorporated in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus, and the information included in the "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included or incorporated in the Guarantor's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, incorporated in the Registration Statement and Final Prospectus, agrees with the accounting records of the Guarantor and its subsidiaries,

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excluding any questions of legal interpretation.

References to the Final Prospectus in this paragraph (e) include any supplement thereto at the date of the letter.

In addition, except as provided in Schedule I hereto, at the Execution Time, Ernst & Young shall have furnished to the Representatives a letter or letters, dated as of the Execution Time, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, to the effect set forth above.

- (f) Subsequent to the Execution Time or, if earlier, the dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement (exclusive of any amendment thereof) and the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto), there shall not have been (i) any change or decrease specified in the letter or letters referred to in paragraph (e) of this Section 5 or (ii) any change, or any development involving a prospective change, in or affecting the business or properties of the Guarantor and its subsidiaries the effect of which, in any case referred to in clause (i) or (ii) above, is, in the judgment of the Representatives, so material and adverse as to make it impractical or inadvisable to proceed with the offering or the delivery of the Securities as contemplated by the Registration Statement (exclusive of any amendment thereof) and the Final Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto).
- (g) Subsequent to the Execution Time, there shall not have been any decrease in the ratings of any of the Guarantor's debt securities by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., or Standard & Poor's Corporation.
- (h) Prior to the Closing Date, the Company and the Guarantor shall have furnished to the Representatives such further information, certificates and documents as the Representatives may reasonably request in connection with the offering of the Securities.
- (i) The Company and the Guarantor shall have accepted Delayed Delivery Contracts in any case where sales of Contract Securities arranged by the Underwriters have been approved by the Company.

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If any of the conditions specified in this Section 5 shall not have been fulfilled in all material respects when and as provided in this Agreement, or if any of the opinions and certificates mentioned above or elsewhere in this Agreement shall not be in all material respects reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters, this Agreement and all obligations of the Underwriters hereunder may be canceled at, or at any time prior to, the Closing Date by the Representatives. Notice of such cancellation shall be given to the Company in writing or by telephone or telegraph confirmed in writing.

 $\,$ 6. Reimbursement of Underwriters' Expenses. If the sale of the Securities provided for herein is not consummated because

any condition to the obligations of the Underwriters set forth in Section 5 hereof is not satisfied, because of any termination pursuant to Section 9 hereof or because of any refusal, inability or failure on the part of the Company or the Guarantor to perform any agreement herein or comply with any provision hereof other than by reason of a default by any of the Underwriters, the Company and the Guarantor will reimburse the Underwriters severally upon demand for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (including reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel) that shall have been incurred by them in connection with the proposed purchase and sale of the Securities. In no event shall the Company or the Guarantor be liable to the Underwriters for loss of anticipated profits from the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

7. Indemnification and Contribution. (a) The Company and the Guarantor agree to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter and each person who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act against any and all losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to which they or any of them may become subject under the Act, the Exchange Act or other Federal or state statutory law or regulation, at common law or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the registration statement for the registration of the Securities and any related Depositary Shares as originally filed or in any amendment thereof, or in the Basic Prospectus, any Preliminary Final Prospectus or the Final Prospectus, or in any amendment thereof or supplement thereto, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or

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alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and agrees to reimburse each such indemnified party, as incurred, for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action; provided, however, that (i) the Company and the Guarantor will not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon any such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made therein in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company and the Guarantor by or on behalf of any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use in connection with the preparation thereof, or that part of the Registration Statement constituting the "Statement of Eligibility and Qualification" (Form T-1) of the Trustee under the Trust Indenture Act, and (ii) such indemnity with respect to the Basic Prospectus or any Preliminary Final Prospectus shall not inure to the benefit of any Underwriter (or any person controlling such Underwriter) from whom the person asserting any such loss, claim, damage or liability purchased the Securities or any related Depositary Shares which are the subject thereof if such person did not receive a copy of the Final Prospectus (or the Final Prospectus as supplemented) excluding documents incorporated therein by reference at or prior to the confirmation of the sale of such Securities or Depositary Shares, if any, to such person in any case where such delivery is required by the Act and the untrue statement or omission of a material fact contained in the Basic Prospectus or any Preliminary Final Prospectus was corrected in the Final Prospectus (or the Final Prospectus as supplemented). This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which the Company and the Guarantor may otherwise have.

(b) Each Underwriter severally agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company and the Guarantor, each of their respective directors, each of their respective officers who signs the Registration Statement, and each person who controls the Company or the Guarantor within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act, to the same extent as the foregoing indemnity from the Company and the Guarantor to each Underwriter, but only with reference to written information relating to such Underwriter furnished to the Company and the Guarantor by or on behalf of such Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use in the preparation of the documents referred to in

the foregoing indemnity. This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which any Underwriter may otherwise have. The Company and the Guarantor acknowledge that the statements set forth in the last paragraph of the cover page, the first paragraph of the second page and under the heading "Underwriting" or "Plan of Distribution" and, if Schedule I hereto provides for sales of Securities pursuant to delayed delivery arrangements, in the last sentence under the heading "Delayed Delivery Arrangements" in any Preliminary Final Prospectus or the Final Prospectus constitute the only information furnished in writing by or on behalf of the several Underwriters for inclusion in the documents referred to in the foregoing indemnity, and you, as the Representatives, confirm that such statements are correct.

(c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section 7 of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under this Section 7, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof; but the omission so to notify the indemnifying party will not relieve it from any liability which it may have to any indemnified party otherwise than under this Section 7. In case any such action is brought against any indemnified party, and it notifies the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party will be entitled to participate therein, and to the extent that it may elect by written notice delivered to the indemnified party promptly after receiving the aforesaid notice from such indemnified party, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel satisfactory to such indemnified party; provided, however, that if the defendants in any such action include both the indemnified party and the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have reasonably concluded that there may be legal defenses available to it and/or other indemnified parties which are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party, the indemnified party or parties shall have the right to select separate counsel to assert such legal defenses and to otherwise participate in the defense of such action on behalf of such indemnified party or parties. Upon receipt of notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of its election so to assume the defense of such action and approval by the indemnified party of such counsel, the indemnifying party will not be liable to such indemnified party under this Section 7 for any legal or

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other expenses subsequently incurred by such indemnified party in connection with the defense thereof unless (i) the indemnified party shall have employed separate counsel in accordance with the proviso to the next preceding sentence (it being understood, however, that the indemnifying party shall not be liable for the expenses of more than one separate counsel (plus any local counsel), approved by the Representatives in the case of paragraph (a) of this Section 7, representing the indemnified parties under such paragraph (a) who are parties to such action), (ii) the indemnifying party shall not have employed counsel satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party within a reasonable time after notice of commencement of the action or (iii) the indemnifying party has authorized the employment of counsel for the indemnified party at the expense of the indemnifying party; and except that, if clause (i) or (iii) is applicable, such liability shall be only in respect of the counsel referred to in such clause (i) or (iii).

(d) In order to provide for just and equitable contribution in circumstances in which the indemnification provided for in paragraph (a) of this Section 7 is due in accordance with its terms but is for any reason held by a court to be unavailable from the Company or the Guarantor on grounds of policy or otherwise, the Company and the Guarantor, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, shall contribute to the aggregate losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with investigating or defending same) to which the Company, the Guarantor and one or more of the Underwriters may be subject in such proportion so that the Underwriters are responsible for that portion represented by the percentage that the underwriting discount bears to the sum of such discount and the purchase price of the Securities specified in Schedule I

hereto and the Company and the Guarantor are responsible for the balance; provided, however, that (y) in no case shall any Underwriter (except as may be provided in any agreement among underwriters relating to the offering of the Securities) be responsible for any amount in excess of the underwriting discount applicable to the Securities purchased by such Underwriter hereunder and (z) no person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. For purposes of this Section 7, each person who controls an Underwriter within the meaning of

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the Act shall have the same rights to contribution as such Underwriter, and each person who controls the Company within the meaning of either the Act or the Exchange Act, each officer of the Company and the Guarantor who shall have signed the Registration Statement and each director of the Company and the Guarantor shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company and the Guarantor, subject in each case to clauses (y) and (z) of this paragraph (d). Any party entitled to contribution will, promptly after receipt of notice of commencement of any action, suit or proceeding against such party in respect of which a claim for contribution may be made against another party or parties under this paragraph (d), notify such party or parties from whom contribution may be sought, but the omission to so notify such party or parties shall not relieve the party or parties from whom contribution may be sought from any other obligation it or they may have hereunder or otherwise than under this paragraph (d).

8. Default by an Underwriter. If any one or more Underwriters shall fail to purchase and pay for any of the Securities agreed to be purchased by such Underwriter or Underwriters hereunder and such failure to purchase shall constitute a default in the performance of its or their obligations under this Agreement, the remaining Underwriters shall be obligated severally to take up and pay for (in the respective proportions which the amount of Securities set forth opposite their names in Schedule II hereto bears to the aggregate amount of Securities set forth opposite the names of all the remaining Underwriters) the Securities which the defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed to purchase; provided, however, that in the event that the aggregate amount of Securities which the defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed to purchase shall exceed 10% of the aggregate amount of Securities set forth in Schedule II hereto, the remaining Underwriters shall have the right to purchase all, but shall not be under any obligation to purchase any, of the Securities, and if such non defaulting Underwriters do not purchase all the Securities, this Agreement will terminate without liability to any non defaulting Underwriter or the Company or the Guarantor. In the event of a default by any Underwriter as set forth in this Section 8, the Closing Date shall be postponed for such period, not exceeding seven days, as the Representatives shall determine in order that the required changes in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements may be effected.

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Nothing contained in this Agreement shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter of its liability, if any, to the Company and any non defaulting Underwriter for damages occasioned by its default hereunder.

9. Termination. This Agreement shall be subject to termination in the absolute discretion of the Representatives, by notice given to the Company and the Guarantor prior to delivery of and payment for the Securities, if prior to such time (i) trading in the Guarantor's Common Stock shall have been suspended by the Commission or the New York Stock Exchange or trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange shall have been suspended or limited or minimum prices shall have been established on such Exchange, (ii) a banking moratorium shall have been declared either by Federal, New York State or Pennsylvania authorities or (iii) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalation of hostilities, declaration by the United States of a national emergency or war or other calamity or crisis

the effect of which on financial markets is such as to make it, in the judgment of the Representatives, impracticable to market the Securities.

- 10. Representations and Indemnities to Survive. The respective agreements, representations, warranties, indemnities and other statements of the Company, the Guarantor or their respective officers and of the Underwriters set forth in or made pursuant to this Agreement will remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or the Company or the Guarantor or any of the officers, directors or controlling persons referred to in Section 7 hereof, and will survive delivery of and payment for the Securities. The provisions of Sections 6 and 7 hereof shall survive the termination or cancellation of this Agreement.
- 11. Notices. All communications hereunder will be in writing and effective only on receipt, and, if sent to the Representatives, will be mailed, delivered or transmitted by any standard form of telecommunication, at the address specified in Schedule I hereto; or, if sent to the Company or the Guarantor, will be mailed, delivered or transmitted by any standard form of telecommunication to it at One PNC Plaza, 249 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222, attention of the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Guarantor.

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- 12. Successors. This Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and the officers and directors and controlling persons referred to in Section 7 hereof, and no other person will have any right or obligation hereunder.
- 13. Applicable Law. This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to us the enclosed duplicate hereof, whereupon this letter and your acceptance shall represent a binding agreement among the Company, the Guarantor and the several Underwriters.

Very truly yours,

PNC Funding Corp

By: /s/ ROBERT C. BARRY, JR.

Name: Robert C. Barry, Jr. Title: Senior Vice President

PNC Bank Corp.

By: /s/ ROBERT L. HAUNSCHILD

Name: Robert L. Haunschild Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Confirmed and accepted, intending to be legally bound, as of the date specified in Schedule I hereto.

By: Smith Barney Inc.

By: /s/ CHUCK M. FALLON

Name: Chuck M. Fallon

Title: Director

SCHEDULE I

Underwriting Agreement dated July 9, 1997

Registration Statement No. 33-55114

Representatives:

Smith Barney Inc. 388 Greenwich Street New York, NY 10013

Title, Purchase Price and Description of Securities:

Title: 6-7/8% Subordinated Notes Due 2007

Principal Amount: \$350,000,000

Public offering price: 99.650% of the Principal Amount plus accrued interest, if any,

from July 14, 1997.

Purchase price: 99.316% of the Principal Amount

plus accrued interest, if any, from

July 14, 1997.

Sinking fund provisions: None.

Redemption provisions: None.

Other provisions: None.

Closing Date, Time and Location: July 14, 1997, 10:00 a.m. at the offices of Cravath, Swaine & Moore, Worldwide Plaza,

825 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10019

Type of Offering: Delayed Offering.

Delayed Delivery Arrangements: None.

Fee: N/A

Underwriters

Minimum principal amount of each contract: N/A

Maximum aggregate principal amount of all contracts: $\ensuremath{\mathrm{N/A}}$

Modification of items to be covered by the letter from Ernst & Young delivered pursuant to Section $5\,(e)$:

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Letter from Ernst & Young to be delivered pursuant to Section $5\,(e)$ at the Closing Date, not also at the Execution Time.

SCHEDULE II

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Principal Amount
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Smith Barney Inc. \$350,000,000

Total \$350,000,000

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BY-LAWS OF PNC BANK CORP.

(Effective 7/2/97)

ARTICLE I. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the Corporation shall be located at One PNC Plaza, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE II. SHAREHOLDERS

ANNUAL MEETING

An annual meeting of the shareholders for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting shall be held at 11 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday in April of each year, or on such other date or hour as may be fixed by the Board of Directors.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the shareholders may be called at any time by the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board, the President, a Vice Chairman of the Board, or when requested in writing by shareholders entitled to cast at least one-fifth of the votes which all shareholders are entitled to cast at the meeting.

3. PLACE OF MEETINGS

Meetings of the shareholders shall be held at the principal office of the Corporation or at such other place as the Board of Directors may designate.

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4. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Written notice of every meeting of the shareholders shall be given to each shareholder of record entitled to vote at the meeting at least five days prior to the day named for the meeting, unless a greater period of notice is required by law. The notice shall state the day, time and place of such meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. Notice of a meeting may be waived in writing and attendance at a meeting shall itself constitute a waiver of notice of the meeting.

5. QUORUM

The presence, in person or by proxy, of shareholders entitled to cast at least a majority of the votes which all shareholders are entitled to cast on the particular matter shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of considering such matter. At a duly organized meeting, except as may be otherwise specified in the Articles of Incorporation or provided by law, each matter shall be decided upon receiving the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by all shareholders entitled to vote thereon and, if any shareholders are entitled to vote thereon as a class, upon receiving the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by the shareholders entitled to vote as a class.

6. RECORD DATE

The Board of Directors may fix a record date not more than ninety days prior to the date of any meeting of shareholders, or the date fixed for the payment of any dividend or distribution, or the date for the allotment of rights or the date when any change or conversion or exchange of shares will be made or go into effect. Only such shareholders as shall be shareholders of record at the close of business on the record date shall be entitled to notice of, or to vote at such meeting or to receive such allotment of rights or to exercise such rights, as the case may be.

ARTICLE III. DIRECTORS

1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The business and offices of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors, which shall consist of not less than five nor more than thirty-six members as shall be established from time to time by the Board of Directors.

TERM OF OFFICE

After elected by the shareholders, directors shall hold office until the next succeeding annual meeting and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

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VACANCY

Vacancies in the Board of Directors, including vacancies resulting from an increase in the number of directors, may be filled by a majority of the remaining directors though less than a quorum, and any director so elected shall serve until the next annual meeting of the shareholders and until a successor shall have been elected and qualified.

4. ORGANIZATION

As soon as practicable after the annual meeting of shareholders at which they were elected, the Board of Directors shall meet for the purpose of electing officers and the transaction of such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

5. REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held without notice at such times and at such places as the Board of Directors, by resolution, shall establish. When a regular meeting falls on a business holiday, it shall be held on the preceding or next following business day, as the Chief Executive Officer shall select.

6. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chairman of the Board, the President, a Vice Chairman, or at the written request of any three directors. Notice of special meetings shall be given to each director personally or in writing, or by telephone, not later than during the day immediately preceding the day of such meeting and shall include the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.

7. QUORUM

A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the acts of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the acts of the Board of Directors. One or more directors may participate in a meeting of the Board of Directors, or in a meeting of a Committee of the Board of Directors by means of communication facilities enabling all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other.

8. ACTION WITHOUT A MEETING

Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if a written consent or consents setting forth the action so taken is signed by all the directors and filed with the Secretary of the Corporation.

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9. COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

Directors shall be compensated for their services and reimbursed for their meeting attendance expenses, in such manner and at such time as the Board of Directors may determine.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

1. DESIGNATION

The officers of the Corporation shall be a Chairman of the Board, a President, one or more Vice Chairmen, one or more Vice Presidents of whom one or more may be designated Senior Executive Vice President, Executive Vice

President or Senior Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Controller, a General Auditor and such other officers, as the Board of Directors, the Chairman, the President, or the Vice Chairman may from time to time designate. The Board of Directors shall designate from among the Chairman of the Board, President, and Vice Chairmen, one of those officers to be the Chief Executive Officer. All officers having the rank of Senior Vice President or higher shall be elected by the Board of Directors and shall hold office during the pleasure of the Board of Directors. All other officers shall be appointed by the Chief Executive Officer, or, in his absence, by such other officer or officers as may be designated by the Board of Directors, and such appointments shall be reported to the Board of Directors.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SENIOR OFFICERS

2.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation shall preside at all meetings of the shareholders and the Board of Directors, and shall be ex officio a member of all Committees except the Audit Committee, the Nominating Committee, and the Personnel and Compensation Committee; subject to the direction of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer shall have the general supervision of the policies, business and operations of the Corporation, and of the other officers, agents and employees of the Corporation and, except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws or by the Board of Directors, shall have all the other powers and duties as are usually incident to the Chief Executive Officer of a corporation. In the absence of the Chief Executive Officer, his rights and duties shall be performed by such other officer or officers as shall be designated by the Board of Directors.

2.2 CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND VICE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman, the President and the Vice Chairman if not designated as the Chief Executive Officer shall have such duties and powers as may be assigned to them from time to time by the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer.

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2.3 VICE PRESIDENTS

The Executive Vice Presidents, Senior Vice Presidents and the Vice Presidents, if such are elected, shall have the duties and powers as may from time to time be assigned to them by the Board of Directors, or by the Chief Executive Officer in the absence of any assignment by the Board of Directors. Any reference in these By-Laws to a Vice President will apply equally to an Executive Vice President or a Senior Vice President unless the context requires otherwise.

2.4 TREASURER

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the funding of the Corporation and for all moneys, funds, securities, fidelity and indemnity bonds and other valuables belonging to the Corporation; and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer.

2.5 SECRETARY

The Secretary shall: attend the meetings of the shareholders, of the Board of Directors, of the Executive Committee, and of such other committees, and shall keep minutes thereof in suitable minute books; have charge of the corporate records, papers and the corporate seal; have charge of the stock and transfer records of the Corporation and shall keep a record of all shareholders and give notices of all meetings of shareholders, special meetings of the Board of Directors and of its Committees; and have such other duties as the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer shall assign.

2.6 CONTROLLER

The Controller, if a Controller is elected, shall cause to be kept proper records of the transactions of the Corporation; shall be responsible for the preparation of financial and tax reports required of the Corporation; and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer.

2.7 GENERAL AUDITOR

 $\qquad \qquad \text{The General Auditor shall have charge of auditing the books,} \\ \text{records and accounts and shall report directly to the Board of Directors or the } \\ \text{Audit Committee thereof.}$

2.8 ASSISTANT OFFICERS

Each assistant officer as shall be elected shall assist in the performance of the duties of the officer to whom he is assistant and shall perform such duties in the $\[$

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absence of the officer. He shall perform such additional duties as the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer, or the officer to whom he is assistant, may from time to time assign to him.

INCUMBENCY

Any officer elected by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever, in its best judgment, the best interest of the Corporation will be served thereby, without prejudice however to any contract rights the person so removed may have with the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

1. STANDING COMMITTEES

The Standing Committees which shall be appointed from time to time by the Board of Directors shall be the Executive Committee, the Audit Committee, the Credit Committee, the Asset and Liability Committee, the Nominating Committee and the Personnel and Compensation Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint such other Committees as the Board of Directors shall deem advisable.

1.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and such other directors, not less than five, all of whom shall from time to time be appointed by the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer. The Committee shall meet at such time or times as may be fixed by the Board of Directors, or upon call of its Chairman or the Chief Executive Officer. In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee, the Chief Executive Officer shall act as Chairman of the Executive Committee, unless the Board of Directors shall appoint some other person. The Executive Committee shall have and exercise in the intervals between the meetings of the Board of Directors all the powers of the Board of Directors so far as may be permitted by law. All acts done and powers conferred by the Executive Committee from time to time shall be deemed to be, and may be certified as being, done and conferred under authority of the Board of Directors. Five directors shall constitute a quorum.

1.2 AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors shall appoint annually the Audit Committee consisting of not less than five directors, nor more than eight, none of whom shall be an officer, or a former officer of the Corporation. The Committee shall select a chairman from its membership, and may appoint a secretary who need not be a director.

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 $\hbox{ The Committee shall meet on call of its Chairman. The duties and responsibilities of the Committee shall be established by the Board of Directors. }$

1.3 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors shall appoint annually the members of the Committee, consisting of not fewer than three directors, none of whom shall be an officer or former officer of the Corporation, and from these directors appoint the Chairman. The Committee may appoint a Secretary, who need not be a director. The Committee on Corporate Governance shall be responsible for selecting the persons to be candidates for nomination for election or appointment as directors of the Corporation, making recommendations with respect thereto to the Board of Directors and monitoring and recommending enhancements to the Corporation's corporate governance framework, particularly with respect to the structure, processes and proceedings of the Board of Directors. The Committee shall conduct its affairs in accordance with a charter approved by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall appoint annually the members of the Personnel and Compensation Committee, consisting of not fewer than five directors, none of whom shall be an officer or former officer of the Corporation. Further, upon appointment and at all times during his or her tenure on the Committee, each Committee member shall satisfy such standards of independence as may be prescribed for purposes of any federal securities or tax laws relating to the Committee's duties and responsibilities. The Committee Chairman shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and the Committee may appoint a Secretary, who need not be a director. The duties and responsibilities of the Committee shall be as set forth in a charter approved by the Board of Directors.

1.5 CREDIT COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors shall appoint annually the members of the Credit Committee consisting of not less than five directors, including no more than two officer-directors, and shall select a chairman from its membership, who shall not be an officer. The Committee may appoint a secretary who need not be a director. The duties and responsibilities of the Committee shall be as set forth in a charter approved by the Board of Directors.

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1.6 ASSET AND LIABILITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors shall appoint annually the members of the Asset and Liability Management Committee consisting of not less than five directors, including no more than two officer-directors, and shall select a chairman from its membership, who shall not be an officer. The Committee may appoint a secretary who need not be a director. The duties and responsibilities of the Committee shall be as set forth in a charter approved by the Board of Directors.

2. OTHER COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors may authorize the appointment of such other Committees as it shall deem advisable.

3. MINUTES

The Executive Committee and the Audit Committee shall keep minutes of their meetings, and such minutes shall be submitted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors, and any action taken by the Board of Directors with respect thereto shall be entered in the minutes of the Board of Directors. All other Committees shall keep minutes of their meetings which shall be accessible to inspection by the Board of Directors at all times.

4. PROCEDURE

Except as otherwise expressly provided for herein, each Committee may appoint a secretary, adopt its own rules of procedure and, unless the Board of Directors has acted with respect thereto, determine the date, place and hour for its meetings. In the absence of any other provision herein to the contrary, a majority of the members of any Committee shall constitute a quorum, and the action of a majority of the members in attendance at a meeting shall constitute the action of the body. Notice of meetings shall be given to each member personally, or in writing addressed to the address of the director appearing on the books of the Corporation on or before the day preceding the meeting.

5. ATTENDANCE

In the absence or disqualification of any member of a Committee, the members thereof present at any meeting and not disqualified from voting, whether or not they constitute a quorum, may unanimously appoint another director to act at the meeting in place of any absent or disqualified member.

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ARTICLE VI. STOCK CERTIFICATES

1. SIGNATURES

Certificates of stock of the Corporation shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board, or the President, or any Vice Chairman, or any Vice President and countersigned by the Secretary or the Treasurer or by any Assistant Secretary or Assistant Treasurer, and sealed with the seal of the Corporation, which may be a facsimile. Where any such certificate is signed

manually by a transfer agent or a registrar, the signatures of the officers may be facsimiles.

2. TRANSFERS

The shares of stock of the Corporation shall be transferable only on its books upon surrender of the stock certificate for such shares properly endorsed. The Board of Directors shall have power to appoint one or more Transfer Agents and Registrars for the transfer and registration of certificates of stock of any class, and may require that stock certificates shall be countersigned and registered by one or more such Transfer Agents and Registrars.

LOST OR DESTROYED CERTIFICATES

If a stock certificate shall be lost, stolen or destroyed, the shareholder may file with the Corporation an affidavit stating the circumstances of the loss, theft or destruction and may request the issuance of a new certificate. He shall give to the Corporation a bond which shall be in such sum, contain such terms and provisions and have such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors may direct. The Corporation may thereupon issue a new certificate replacing the certificate lost, stolen or destroyed.

ARTICLE VII. DIRECTOR LIABILITY LIMITATION AND INDEMNIFICATION

1. LIMITATION OF DIRECTOR LIABILITY

A director of the Corporation shall, to the maximum extent permitted by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have no personal liability for monetary damages for any action taken, or any failure to take any action as a director, provided that this Section 1, Article VII shall not eliminate the liability of a director in any case where such elimination is not permitted by law.

2. INDEMNIFICATION

Each person who at any time is or shall have been a director or officer of the Corporation, or is serving or shall have served at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, and his heirs, executors and administrators, shall be indemnified by the Corporation in accordance with and to the full extent permitted by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as in effect at the time of such indemnification. The foregoing right of indemnification shall constitute a contract

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between the Corporation and each of its directors and officers and shall not be deemed exclusive of other rights to which any director, officer, employee, agent or other person may be entitled in any capacity as a matter of law or under any by-law, agreement, vote of shareholders or directors, or otherwise. If authorized by the Board of Directors, the Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person to the full extent permitted by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE VIII. APPLICATION OF STATUTORY ANTI-TAKEOVER PROVISIONS

The following provisions of Title 15 of the Pennsylvania consolidated statutes shall not be applicable to the Corporation: (1) Subsections (d) through (f) of Section 511; (2) Subsections (e) through (g) of Section 1721; (3) Subchapter G of Chapter 25; and (4) Subchapter H of Chapter 25.

ARTICLE IX. EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY DURING EMERGENCIES

The Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may from time to time adopt resolutions authorizing certain persons and entities to exercise authority on behalf of this Corporation in time of emergency, and in the time of emergency any such resolutions will be applicable, notwithstanding any provisions as to the contrary contained in these By-Laws.

ARTICLE X. CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

The Board of Directors may authorize contributions to community funds, or to charitable, philanthropic, or benevolent instrumentalities conducive to public welfare in such sums as the Board of Directors may deem expedient and in the interest of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, added to or repealed by a vote of a majority of the Board of Directors at any regular meeting of the Board of

Directors, or at any special meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose.