

NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES COOPERATIVE FINANCE CORP /DC/
 Form 424B3
 February 19, 2013

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities Offered	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee(1)(2)
2.000% Corporates® Due February 15, 2020	\$956,000	\$130.40

(1) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933.

(2) The amount in this column has been transmitted to the SEC in connection with the securities offered by means of this pricing supplement.

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CUSIP	Number	Principal Amount	Selling Price	Gross Concession	Net Proceeds	Coupon Type	Coupon Rate	Coupon Frequency	Maturity Date	1st Coupon Date	1st Coupon Amount
63743FQR0		\$956,000	100.000%	1.450%	\$942,138.00	Fixed	2.000%	MONTHLY	02/15/2020	03/15/2013	\$1.28

Redemption Information: Non-Callable

National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corp
 Offering Dates: Monday, February 11, 2013 through Tuesday, February 19, 2013
 Trade Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 @ 12:00 PM ET
 Settlement Date: Friday, February 22, 2013
 Minimum Denomination/Increments: \$1,000.00/\$1,000.00
 Initial trades settle flat and clear SDFS: DTC Book Entry only
 DTC number: 0235 via RBC Dain Rauscher Inc.
 Agents: Citigroup, Comerica Securities, J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, Inc., Morgan Stanley, UBS Investment Bank, Wells Fargo
 If the maturity date or an interest payment date for any note is not a Business Day (as term is defined in Prospectus), principal, premium, if any, and interest

for that note is paid on the next Business Day, and no interest will accrue from, and after, the maturity date or interest payment date.

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