

NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES COOPERATIVE FINANCE CORP /DC/
 Form 424B3
 April 22, 2013

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|--------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 63743FRA6 | 100% | 100% | 1.550% | | Fixed | 2.000% | MONTHLY | 05/15/2021 | 06/15/2013 | \$2.39 | Yes |

Redemption Information: Non-Callable

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| 63743FRB4 | 100% | 100% | 2.150% | | Fixed | 3.000% | MONTHLY | 10/15/2026 | 06/15/2013 | \$3.58 | Yes |

Redemption Information: Non-Callable

National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corp
 Offering Dates: Monday, April 22, 2013 through Monday, April 29, 2013
 Trade Date: Monday, April 29, 2013 @ 12:00 PM ET
 Settlement Date: Thursday, May 2, 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

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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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