

GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL CORP
Form 424B3
February 12, 2004

PROSPECTUS

Pricing Supplement No. 3985

Dated November 21, 2002

Dated February 3, 2004

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

Rule 424(b)(3)-Registration Statement

Dated November 22, 2002

No. 333-100527

GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL CORPORATION

GLOBAL MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES A

(Redeemable Fixed Rate Step-Up Coupon Notes)

Trade Date: February 3, 2004

Settlement Date (Original Issue Date): February 13, 2004

Maturity Date:
February 13, 2024
(unless earlier redeemed as described under "Additional Terms Optional Redemption" below).

Principal Amount (in Specified Currency): US\$ 50,000,000

Price to Public (Issue Price): 100.00%

Agents' Discount or Commission: The Notes are being purchased by the Underwriter at 100.00% of their principal amount and will be sold at varying prices to be determined at the time of sale. For any Notes sold with more than a de minimis amount of original issue discount, see "United States Tax Considerations" in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement. For further information with respect to any discounts,

commissions or profits on resales of Notes that may be deemed underwriting discounts or commissions, see "Plan of Distribution" below.

Net Proceeds to Issuer: US\$ 50,000,000

Interest Rate Per Annum: The Notes will bear interest at a fixed rate unless as otherwise specified hereunder. The Notes will pay interest at the rate of 5.00% per annum for the period from and including the Original Issue Date up to but excluding the Interest Payment Date scheduled to occur on February 13, 2009. The interest rate on the Notes will reset on February 13, 2009 and on certain dates thereafter, in accordance with the schedule set forth below. Interest on the Notes will accrue on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

CAPITALIZED TERMS USED IN THIS PRICING SUPPLEMENT WHICH ARE DEFINED IN THE PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS ASSIGNED TO THEM IN THE PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT.

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Interest Payment Period

: Semi-Annually

Interest Payment Date(s)

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Semi-Annually on each February 13th and August 13th of each year, commencing August 13, 2004 and ending on the Maturity Date, unless earlier redeemed. See "Additional Terms Interest" below.

Other:

Clearance and Settlement

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DTC only

DTC global (including through its indirect participants Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as described under "Global Clearance and Settlement Procedures" in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement)

DTC and Euroclear/Clearstream, Luxembourg (as described under "Description of Notes General - *Special Provisions Relating to Certain Foreign Currency Notes*" in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement).

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg only

CUSIP No.: K6962GG24

Repayment, Redemption and Acceleration

Initial Redemption Date: February 13, 2007 (See "Additional Terms Optional Redemption" below)

Initial Redemption Percentage: 100.00%

Optional Repayment Date(s): N/A

Annual Redemption Percentage Reduction: N/A

Modified Payment Upon Acceleration: N/A

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Original Issue Discount

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Amount of OID: N/A

Yield to Maturity: N/A

Interest Accrual Date: N/A

Initial Accrual Period OID: N/A

Amortizing Notes

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Amortization Schedule: N/A

Dual Currency Notes

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Face Amount Currency: N/A

Optional Payment Currency: N/A

Designated Exchange Rate: N/A

Option Value Calculation Agent: N/A

Option Election Date(s): N/A

Indexed Notes

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Currency Base Rate: N/A

Determination Agent: N/A

Listing:

Listed on the Luxembourg Exchange

Not listed on the Luxembourg Exchange

Other listing: (specify)

Additional Terms

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Interest:

Interest on the Notes will accrue from and including February 13, 2004 and will be payable in U.S. Dollars semi-annually on each February 13th and August 13th, commencing on August 13, 2004 and ending on the Maturity Date or date of earlier redemption (each, an "Interest Payment Date"). Thereafter, interest will accrue from and including each Interest Payment Date to but excluding the next succeeding Interest Payment Date. In the event an Interest Payment Date, date of earlier redemption or the Maturity Date falls on a day other than a Business Day, principal and/or interest will be paid on the next succeeding Business Day and no interest on such payment shall accrue for the period from and after such Interest Payment Date, date of earlier redemption or Maturity Date to such next succeeding Business Day. The interest rate on the Notes will be equal to 5.00% per annum from and including the Original Issue Date up to but excluding February 13, 2009.

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On February 13, 2009, and on the Interest Payment Dates set forth in the schedule below, the interest rate on the Notes will be reset. The applicable interest per annum with respect to each Interest Period set forth below, will be in effect from and including the first day of each Interest Period, to and including the last day of such Interest Period:

| Interest Period: | Interest Rate: |
|--|-----------------|
| February 13, 2004 to February 12, 2009 | 5.00% per annum |
| February 13, 2009 to February 12, 2014 | 5.50% per annum |

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| February 13, 2014 to February 12, 2017 | 5.75% per annum |
| February 13, 2017 to February 12, 2020 | 6.00% per annum |
| February 13, 2020 to February 12, 2022 | 6.50% per annum |
| February 13, 2022 to February 12, 2023 | 7.00% per annum |
| February 13, 2023 to but excluding February 13, 2024 | 8.00% per annum |

Optional Redemption:

The Company may at its option elect to redeem the Notes in whole on February 13, 2007 or on any Interest Payment Date thereafter (each such date, an "Optional Redemption Date") at 100% of their principal amount plus accrued interest to but excluding the date of redemption. In the event the Company elects to redeem the Notes, notice will be given to registered holders not more than 60 nor less than 30 days prior to the Optional Redemption Date.

Certain Investment Considerations:

Prospective purchasers of the Notes should be aware that the Notes will pay interest at different fixed rates each year through the Maturity Date unless earlier redeemed by the Company. Prospective purchasers should also be aware that the Company has the option to redeem the Notes on any Optional Redemption Date and will be likely to elect to redeem the Notes in the event prevailing market interest rates are lower than the then-current interest rate on the Notes.

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Additional Information

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General

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At September 30, 2003 the Company had outstanding indebtedness totaling \$272.262 billion, consisting of notes payable within one year, senior notes payable after one year and subordinated notes payable after one year. The total amount of outstanding indebtedness at September 30, 2003 excluding subordinated notes payable after one year was equal to \$271.179 billion.

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Consolidated Ratio of Earning to Fixed Charges

The information contained in the Prospectus under the caption "Consolidated Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges" is hereby amended in its entirety, as follows:

| | | <u>Year Ended December 31,</u> | | | <u>Nine Months ended September 30, 2003</u> |
|-------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| <u>1998</u> | <u>1999</u> | <u>2000</u> | <u>2001</u> | <u>2002</u> | |
| 1.50 | 1.60 | 1.52 | 1.72 | 1.65 | 1.82 |

For purposes of computing the consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of net earnings adjusted for the provision for income taxes, minority interest and fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest and discount on all indebtedness and one-third of rentals, which the Company believes is a reasonable approximation of the interest factor of such rentals.

Plan of Distribution

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The Notes are being purchased by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (the "Underwriter"), as principal, at the Issue Price of 100.00% of the aggregate principal amount. The Underwriter has advised the Company that the Underwriter proposes to offer the Notes from time to time for sale in negotiated transactions or otherwise, at prices to be determined at the time of sale.

The Company has agreed to indemnify the Underwriter against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.