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SLM Corporation

Medium Term Notes, Series A Due 9 Months or Longer From the Date of Issue

\$15,000,000 Floating Rate Notes: Fixed Rate Notes: Principal Amount: ý

June 20, 2003 Closing Date: June 20, 2003 **CUSIP Number:** 78442F AV0 Original Issue Date:

Maturity Date: June 15, 2018 Option to Extend Maturity: ý No Specified Currency: U.S. Dollars

If Yes, Final Maturity Date: o Yes

100% of the principal amount of the Notes Redeemable in whole or in part at the Redemption Price: option of the Company:

o No plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date

fixed for redemption.

Yes Redemption Dates: June 15, 2006 and each December 15th and

June 15th therafter during the term of the Notes upon at least 20 days but not more than 90 days written notice to holders of the

Each June 15th and December 15th

during the term of the Notes unless

adjustment in accordance with the following business day convention,

beginning December 15, 2003.

earlier redeemed, subject to

Notes.

Repayment at the option of the Holder: No Repayment Price: Not Applicable.

> Yes Repayment Dates: Not Applicable.

> > **Interest Payment Dates:**

Applicable to Fixed Rate Notes Only:

Interest Rate: For the period from and including

> the Closing Date to but excluding June 15, 2006, the Interest Rate on

the Notes shall be 3.5%.

For the period from and including June 15, 2006 to but excluding June 15, 2009, the Interest Rate on

the Notes shall be 5.0%.

For the period from and including June 15, 2009 to the Maturity Date or the Redemption Date, whichever is earlier, the Interest Rate on the

Notes shall be 6.0%.

Interest Periods: Interest Accrual Method: 30/360 From and including the Closing

Date or each June 15th or

December 15th thereafter, as the case may be, to and including the next

succeeding June 14th or

December 14th, as the case may be,

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unless earlier redeemed, with no adjustment to period end dates for accrual purposes.

Citigroup

May 30, 2003

Form: Book-entry.

Denominations: \$1,000 minimum and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Trustee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, formerly known as The Chase Manhattan Bank.

Agents: Citigroup Global Markets Inc., as the successor-in-interest to Salomon Smith Barney, Inc., is acting as underwriter

in connection with this issuance.

Issue Price: 100.00%.

Agents' Commission: 1.4%.

Net Proceeds to Issuer: 98.6%.

Net Proceeds: \$14,790,000.

Concession: N/A

Reallowance: N/A

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The Underwriter has arranged a swap in connection with the Notes and may have received compensation for arranging the swap transaction.

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Additional Information:

The last sentence of the first paragraph contained in the section titled "Supplemental Plan of Distribution" in the Prospectus Supplement on page S-26 is hereby amended by this pricing supplement.

Risk Factors:

Upon issuance of the Notes, the Notes will not have an established trading market. We cannot assure holders of the Notes that a trading market will ever develop for the Notes, or, if one develops, that it will be maintained. In addition to our creditworthiness, many factors can affect the trading market for the Notes and their trading value. These factors include: (i) the method of calculating the principal and interest in respect of the Notes, (ii) the time remaining to the maturity of the Notes, (iii) the total outstanding amount of any particular issuance of Notes or of our medium term notes in total, (iv) the redemption features of the Notes, if any, and (v) the level, direction and volatility of interest rates in general and for securities like the Notes, in particular.

We may choose to redeem the Notes on or after the redemption date indicated on the cover hereof. In the event that the prevailing interest rates are relatively low when we choose to redeem the Notes, the holders of the Notes may not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in a comparable security with a yield as high as that of the Notes being redeemed. Our ability to redeem the Notes before the maturity date may affect the market value of the Notes at any time when potential purchasers believe that we are likely to redeem Notes.

The credit ratings of our senior unsubordinated indebtedness, which includes the Notes, may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to any trading market for the Notes or their trading value. In addition, changes or anticipated changes in our credit ratings generally will affect any trading market for the Notes or their trading value.

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