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GENERAL ELECTRIC CO Form 8-K March 08, 2004

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) March 8, 2004

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York	1-35	14-0689340
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
3135 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield, Connecticut		06828-0001
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code (203) 373-2211

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Item 5. Other Events

On March 8, 2004, General Electric Company issued a press release announcing plans to offer approximately 118 million shares of its common stock to raise capital of approximately \$3.8 billion at current market prices. The offering is being made from an existing shelf registration statement.

Exhibit Index

Press release dated March 8, 2004, issued by General Electric Company

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Signature

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.

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

By: /s/ Philip D. Ameen

Philip D. Ameen Vice President and Comptroller

Date: March 8, 2004

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