

GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL CORP
Form 424B3
March 02, 2004

PROSPECTUS

Pricing Supplement No. 3991

Dated November 21, 2002

Dated February 17, 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 17, 2004

Settlement Date (Original Issue Date): March 12, 2004

Maturity Date:
September 12,
2011 (unless earlier
redeemed as
described
under "Additional
Terms-Optional
Redemption"
below).

Principal Amount (in Specified Currency): US\$ 60,000,000

Price to Public (Issue Price): 100.00%

Agent's 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\$ 60,000,000

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 3.50% per annum for the period from and including the Original Issue Date up to but excluding the Interest Payment Date scheduled to occur on March 12, 2006. The interest rate on the Notes will reset on March 12, 2006 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 March 12th and September 12th of each year, commencing September 12, 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.: K6962GG73

Repayment, Redemption and Acceleration

Initial Redemption Date: March 12, 2006 (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 March 12, 2004 and will be payable in U.S. Dollars semi-annually on each March 12th and September 12th, commencing on September 12, 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 3.50% per annum from and including the Original Issue Date up to but excluding March 12, 2006.

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On March 12, 2006, 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: |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| March 12, 2004 to March 11, 2006 | 3.50% per annum |
| March 12, 2006 to March 11, 2008 | 4.00% per annum |
| March 12, 2008 to March 11, 2010 | 5.00% per annum |
| | 6.00% per annum |

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| March 12, 2010 to but excluding September 12, 2011 | |
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Optional Redemption:

The Company may at its option elect to redeem the Notes in whole on March 12, 2006 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 December 31, 2003, the Company had outstanding indebtedness totaling \$286.684 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 December 31, 2003, excluding subordinated notes payable after one year was equal to \$285.721 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</u> <u>December 31,</u> | | | | |
|-------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| <u>1999</u> | <u>2000</u> | <u>2001</u> | <u>2002</u> | <u>2003</u> | |
| 1.60 | 1.52 | 1.72 | 1.65 | 1.86 | |

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 Morgan Stanley & Co. 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.