

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

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CUSIP Number	Principal Amount	Selling Price	Gross Concession	Net Proceeds	Coupon Type	Coupon Rate	Coupon Frequency	Maturity Date	1st Coupon Date	1st Coupon Amount	Survival Option
63743FRA6	[ ]	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%	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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