

NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES COOPERATIVE FINANCE CORP /DC/  
 Form 424B3  
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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 |
|--------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 63743FRG3    | 100%             | 100%          | 1.550%           |              | Fixed       | 2.000%      | MONTHLY          | 11/15/2020    | 06/15/2013      | \$1.22            | Yes             |

Redemption Information: Non-Callable

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| 63743FRH1    | 100%             | 100%          | 2.150%           |              | Fixed       | 3.000%      | MONTHLY          | 05/15/2026    | 06/15/2013      | \$1.83            | Yes             |

Redemption Information: Non-Callable

National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corp  
 Offering Dates: Monday, May 13, 2013 through Monday, May 20, 2013  
 Trade Date: Monday, May 20, 2013 @ 12:00 PM ET  
 Settlement Date: Thursday, May 23, 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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