

GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL CORP
Form 424B3
January 27, 2004

PROSPECTUS

Pricing Supplement No. 3981

Dated November 21, 2002

Dated January 23, 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

(Fixed Rate Notes)

Trade Date: January 23, 2004

Settlement Date (Original Issue Date): January 30, 2004

Maturity Date: January 30, 2006

Principal Amount (in Specified Currency): US\$ 300,000,000

Price to Public (Issue Price): 100.00%

Agent's Discount or Commission: H.100%

Net Proceeds to Issuer: US\$ 299,700,000

Interest Rate Per Annum: 2.00%

Interest Payment Date(s)

:

X January 30th and July 30th of each year commencing July 30, 2004 and ending on the Maturity Date.

Clearance and Settlement

:

X DTC only

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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

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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Repayment, Redemption and Acceleration

Optional Repayment Date(s): N/A

Initial Redemption Date: N/A

Initial Redemption Percentage: N/A

Annual Redemption Percentage Reduction: N/A

Modified Payment Upon Acceleration: N/A

Original Issue Discount

:

Amount of OID: N/A

Yield to Maturity: N/A

Interest Accrual Date: N/A

Initial Accrual Period OID: N/A

Amortizing Notes

:

Amortization Schedule: N/A

Dual Currency Notes

:

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)

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General

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At September 30, 2003 the Company had outstanding indebtedness totaling \$272.262 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 September 30, 2003 excluding subordinated notes payable after one year was equal to \$271.179 billion.

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>Nine Months ended</u> <u>September 30, 2003</u> |
|-------------|-------------|--|-------------|-------------|---|
| <u>1998</u> | <u>1999</u> | <u>2000</u> | <u>2001</u> | <u>2002</u> | |
| 1.50 | 1.60 | 1.52 | 1.72 | 1.65 | 1.82 |

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 Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (the "Underwriter"), as principal, at 100.00% of the aggregate principal amount less an underwriting discount equal to 0.100% of the principal amount of the Notes.

The Company has agreed to indemnify the Underwriter against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.