

GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL CORP
Form 424B3
May 17, 2005

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| PROSPECTUS | Pricing Supplement No. 4178 |
| Dated June 17, 2004 | Dated May 12, 2005 |
| PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT | Rule 424(b)(3)-Registration Statement |
| Dated June 18, 2004 | No. 333-114095 |

GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL CORPORATION

GLOBAL MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES A

(Floating Rate Notes)

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| Trade Date: | May 12, 2005 |
| Settlement Date (Original Issue Date): | May 19, 2005 |
| Maturity Date: | May 19, 2008 |
| Principal Amount (in Specified Currency) | U.S.\$ 600,000,000 |
| Price to Public (Issue Price): | 100.00% |
| Agent's Discount or Commission: | 0.150% |
| Net Proceeds to Issuer (in Specified Currency): | U.S.\$ 599,100,000 |

Interest Rate

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Interest Calculation:

n Regular Floating Rate

Inverse Floating Rate

Other Floating Rate

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| Interest Rate Basis: | Federal Funds Open Rate (See "Additional Terms-Interest" below) |
| Index Currency: | U.S. Dollars |
| Spread (Plus or Minus) | Plus 0.16% |

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| Index Maturity: | Overnight |
| Spread Multiplier: | N/A |
| Maximum Interest Rate: | N/A |
| Minimum Interest Rate: | N/A |
| Interest Payment Period: | Quarterly |
| Interest Payment Dates: | Quarterly on each February 19, May 19, August 19 and November 19 of each year, commencing August 19, 2005. |
| Initial Interest Rate: | Determined as described herein. |
| Interest Reset Periods and Dates: | Daily, on each Business Day provided that the Federal Funds Open Rate in effect for any day that is not a Business Day shall be the Federal Funds Open rate in effect for the prior Business Day. |
| Interest Determination Dates: | On each Interest Reset Date. |

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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Clearance and Settlement

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___ DTC Only.

X 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.: K6962GQ64

ISIN: US36962GQ648

Common Code: H22011022

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

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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

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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:

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Listed on the Luxembourg Exchange

X Not listed on the Luxembourg Exchange

Additional Information

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General.

At March 31, 2005, the Company had outstanding indebtedness totaling \$350.741 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 March 31, 2005, excluding subordinated notes payable after one year was equal to \$349.921 billion.

Consolidated Ratio of Earnings 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 December 31</u> | | | | | <u>Three Months Ended</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| | | | | | <u>March 31, 2005</u> |
| | | | | | |
| <u>2000</u> | <u>2001</u> | <u>2002</u> | <u>2003</u> | <u>2004</u> | |
| 1.52 | 1.73 | 1.66 | 1.86 | 1.89 | 1.74 |

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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.

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Additional Terms:

Interest

The interest rate applicable to each Interest Reset Period will equal the Federal Funds Open Rate (as defined below) plus the Spread set forth above.

The "Federal Funds Open Rate" for an Interest Determination Date will be the rate for that day under the heading "Federal Funds" for the relevant Index Maturity and opposite the caption "Open" as such rate is displayed on Moneyline Telerate Page 5.

If on a Calculation Date for an Interest Period such rate for an Interest Determination Date in that Interest Period does not appear on Moneyline Telerate Page 5, the rate for the Interest Determination Date will be the rate for that day displayed on FFPREBON Index page on Bloomberg which is the Fed Funds Opening Rate as reported by Prebon Yamane (or a successor) on Bloomberg.

If on a Calculation Date for an Interest Period such rate for an Interest Determination Date in that Interest Period does not appear on Moneyline Telerate Page 5 or FFPREBON Index page on Bloomberg, the rate for such Interest Determination Date will be the arithmetic mean of the rates for the last transaction in overnight U.S. Dollar Federal Funds prior to 9.00 am, New York City time, on that day arranged by three brokers of Federal Funds transactions in New York City as selected by the Calculation Agent.

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Plan of Distribution

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The Notes are being purchased by the following financial institutions in their respective amounts (collectively, the "Underwriters"), as principal, at 100.00% of the aggregate principal amount less an underwriting discount equal to 0.150% of the principal amount of the Notes.

| <u>Institution</u> | <u>Commitment</u> |
|---|-------------------|
| Lead Managers: | |
| Citigroup Global Markets Inc. | \$188,000,000 |
| Credit Suisse First Boston LLC | 188,000,000 |
| Merrill Lynch, Pierce Fenner & Smith Incorporated | 188,000,000 |
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| Co-Managers: | |
| Blaylock & Partners, L.P. | 14,000,000 |
| Loop Capital Markets, LLC | 14,000,000 |
| The Williams Capital Group, L.P. | 8,000,000 |
| | |
| Total | \$600,000,000 |

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