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**This preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus relate to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933. The information in this preliminary prospectus supplement is not complete and may be subject to change. This preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are not an offer to sell these securities and we are not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.**

**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION**

**PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT DATED MAY 7, 2014**

**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

**(To Prospectus dated February 11, 2014)**

**\$**

**Floating Rate Senior Notes due May , 2015**

We are offering \$ principal amount of our Floating Rate Senior Notes due May , 2015, which we refer to in this prospectus supplement as our senior notes.

We will pay interest on our senior notes quarterly on August , 2014, November , 2014, February , 2015 and May , 2015. The senior notes will be issued in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

The senior notes will not be redeemable prior to maturity.

The senior notes will be unsecured and will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness from time to time outstanding.

There is no existing public market for the senior notes. We do not intend to list the senior notes on any securities exchange or any automated quotation system.

**Investing in these senior notes involves risks. See Risk Factors on page S-1 of this prospectus supplement.**

	Per Senior Note	Total
Public Offering Price <sup>(1)</sup>	%	\$
Underwriting Discount and Commission	%	\$
Proceeds to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (before expenses) <sup>(1)</sup>	%	\$

<sup>(1)</sup> Plus accrued interest, if any, from and including original issuance of the senior notes which is expected to be \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

**None of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission or any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

The senior notes are expected to be delivered on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 through the book-entry facilities of The Depository Trust Company.

*Joint Book-Running Managers*

**BofA Merrill Lynch**

**Mizuho Securities**

*Co-Manager*

**Apto Partners, LLC**

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This prospectus supplement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying prospectus. You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, the information incorporated by reference and any free writing prospectus prepared by us. Neither we nor any underwriter has authorized any other person to provide you with different or additional information. If anyone provides you with different or additional information, you should not rely on it. Neither we nor any underwriter is making an offer to sell the senior notes in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus prepared by us is accurate only as of the date of the document containing the information or such other date as may be specified therein.

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Unless otherwise indicated, when used in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, the terms we, our and us refer to Pacific Gas and Electric Company and its subsidiaries, and the term Corp refers to our parent, PG&E Corporation.

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**RISK FACTORS**

Investing in the senior notes involves risk. These risks are described under "Risk Factors" in Item 1A of our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 and our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2014, each of which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. See "Where You Can Find More Information" in the accompanying prospectus. Before making a decision to invest in the senior notes, you should carefully consider these risks as well as other information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contain forward-looking statements that are necessarily subject to various risks and uncertainties. These statements reflect management's judgment and opinions which are based on current estimates, expectations, and projections about future events and assumptions regarding these events and management's knowledge of facts as of the date of this prospectus supplement.

These forward-looking statements relate to, among other matters, estimated losses, including penalties and fines, associated with various investigations; forecasts of costs we will incur to make safety and reliability improvements, including natural gas transmission costs, that we will not recover through rates; forecasts of capital expenditures; estimates and assumptions used in critical accounting policies, including those relating to regulatory assets and liabilities, environmental remediation, litigation, third-party claims, and other liabilities; and the level of future equity or debt issuances. These statements are also identified by words such as assume, expect, intend, forecast, plan, project, believe, predict, anticipate, may, should, would, could, potential and similar expressions. We and Corp are not able to predict all the factors that affect future results. Some of the factors that could cause future results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements, or from historical results, include, but are not limited to:

when and how the pending CPUC investigations and enforcement matters related to our natural gas system operating practices and the San Bruno accident are concluded, including the ultimate amount of fines we will be required to pay to the State General Fund, the ultimate amount of pipeline-related costs we will not recover through rates, whether the CPUC appoints a monitor to oversee our natural gas operations, and the cost of any remedial actions we may be ordered to perform;

developments that may occur in our federal criminal prosecution for alleged violations of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act, including whether federal prosecutors seek a superseding indictment to bring additional charges or fines against us and whether we are convicted and the amount of any criminal fines or penalties imposed, or whether additional investigations are commenced relating to our natural gas operating practices or specific incidents;

whether we and Corp are able to repair the reputational harm that we have suffered, and may suffer in the future, due to the negative publicity about the San Bruno accident, the CPUC investigations and their final outcomes, our federal criminal prosecution and its final outcome, and the ongoing work to remove encroachments from our transmission pipeline rights-of-way;

the outcomes of ratemaking proceedings, such as the 2014 general rate case, the 2015 gas transmission and storage rate case, and the transmission owner rate cases and whether the cost and revenue forecasts assumed in such outcomes prove to be accurate;

the amount and timing of additional common stock issuances by Corp, the proceeds of which are contributed as equity to maintain our authorized capital structure as we incur charges and costs that we cannot recover through rates, including costs and fines associated with natural gas matters and the pending investigations;

the outcome of future investigations, citations, or other proceedings, that may be commenced relating to our compliance with laws, rules, regulations, or orders applicable to the operation, inspection, and maintenance of its electric and gas facilities;



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the impact of environmental remediation laws, regulations, and orders; the ultimate amount of costs incurred to discharge our known and unknown remediation obligations; the extent to which we are able to recover environmental compliance and remediation costs in rates or from other sources; and the ultimate amount of environmental remediation costs we incur but do not recover, such as the remediation costs associated with our natural gas compressor station site located near Hinkley, California;

the impact of new legislation or regulations of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, or NRC, recommendations, policies, decisions, or orders relating to the nuclear industry, including operations, seismic design, security, safety, relicensing, the storage of spent nuclear fuel, decommissioning, cooling water intake, or other issues; and whether we decide to request that the NRC resume processing our renewal application for the two Diablo Canyon operating licenses, and if so, whether the NRC grants the renewal;

the impact of droughts or other weather-related conditions or events, climate change, natural disasters, acts of terrorism, war, or vandalism (including cyber-attacks), and other events, that can cause unplanned outages, reduce generating output, disrupt our service to customers, or damage or disrupt the facilities, operations, or information technology and systems owned by us, our customers, or third parties on which we rely; and subject us to third-party liability for property damage or personal injury, or result in the imposition of civil, criminal, or regulatory penalties on us;

the impact of environmental laws and regulations aimed at the reduction of carbon dioxide and greenhouse gases, and whether we are able to continue recovering associated compliance costs, such as the cost of emission allowances and offsets under cap-and-trade regulations and the cost of renewable energy procurement;

changes in customer demand for electricity and natural gas resulting from unanticipated population growth or decline in our service area, general and regional economic and financial market conditions, the extent of municipalization of our electric or gas distribution facilities, changing levels of direct access customers who procure electricity from alternative energy providers, changing levels of customers who purchase electricity from governmental bodies that act as community choice aggregators, the development of alternative energy technologies including self-generation, storage and distributed generation technologies; and changing levels of core gas aggregation customers who procure gas from core transport agents (alternative gas providers);

the adequacy and price of electricity, natural gas, and nuclear fuel supplies; the extent to which we can manage and respond to the volatility of energy commodity prices; our ability and the ability of our counterparties to post or return collateral in connection with price risk management activities; and whether we are able to recover timely our electric generation and energy commodity costs through rates, especially if the integration of renewable generation resources force conventional generation resource providers to curtail production, triggering take or pay provisions in our power purchase agreements;

whether our information technology, operating systems and networks, including the advanced metering system infrastructure, customer billing, financial, and other systems, can continue to function accurately while meeting regulatory requirements; whether we are able to protect our operating systems and networks from damage, disruption, or failure caused by cyber-attacks, computer viruses, or other hazards; whether our security measures are sufficient to protect confidential customer, vendor, and financial data contained in such systems and networks; and whether we can continue to rely on third-party vendors and contractors that maintain and support some of our operating systems;

the extent to which costs incurred in connection with third-party claims or litigation can be recovered through insurance, rates, or from other third parties; including the timing and amount of insurance recoveries related to third party claims arising from the San Bruno accident;

our ability to access capital markets and other sources of debt and equity financing in a timely manner on acceptable terms;



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changes in credit ratings which could result in increased borrowing costs especially if we were to lose our investment grade credit ratings;

the impact of federal or state laws or regulations, or their interpretation, on energy policy and the regulation of utilities and their holding companies;

the outcome of federal or state tax audits and the impact of any changes in federal or state tax laws, policies, regulations, or their interpretation; and

the impact of changes in generally accepted accounting procedures, standards, rules, or policies, including those related to regulatory accounting, and the impact of changes in their interpretation or application.

For more information about the significant risks that could affect the outcome of these forward-looking statements and our future financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, you should read the sections titled "Risk Factors" in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, together with "Risk Factors" in this prospectus supplement.

You should read this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents that we incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, the documents that we have included as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are a part and the documents that we refer to under the section of the accompanying prospectus titled "Where You Can Find More Information" completely and with the understanding that our actual future results could be materially different from what we expect when making the forward-looking statements. We qualify all our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this prospectus supplement or the date of the document incorporated by reference. Except as required by applicable laws or regulations, we do not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

**OUR COMPANY**

We are one of the largest combination natural gas and electric utilities in the United States. We were incorporated in California in 1905 and are a subsidiary of PG&E Corporation. We provide natural gas and electric service to approximately 15 million people throughout a 70,000-square-mile service area in northern and central California. We generate revenues mainly through the sale and delivery of electricity and natural gas to customers. The principal executive offices of PG&E Corporation and Pacific Gas and Electric Company are located at 77 Beale Street, P.O. Box 770000, San Francisco, California 94177, and the telephone number of Pacific Gas and Electric Company is (415) 973-7000.

**RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

The following table sets forth our historical ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the fiscal years indicated and for the three months ended March 31, 2014.

<b>Three Months Ended</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>March 31, 2014</b>					
2.25x	2.23x	2.24x	2.51x	3.12x	3.12x

For the purpose of computing our ratios of earnings to fixed charges, earnings represent net income adjusted for the income or loss from equity investees of less than 100% owned affiliates, equity in undistributed income or losses of less than 50% owned affiliates, income taxes and fixed charges (excluding capitalized interest). Fixed charges include interest on long-term debt and short-term borrowings (including a representative portion of rental expense), amortization of bond premium, discount and expense, interest on capital leases, allowance for funds used during construction debt, and earnings required to cover the preferred stock dividend requirements. Fixed charges exclude interest on tax liabilities.



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**USE OF PROCEEDS**

We estimate that the net proceeds from this offering will be approximately \$        million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us. We expect to use a portion of the net proceeds from this offering for general corporate purposes, including to repay a portion of our outstanding commercial paper. At May 6, 2014, the outstanding commercial paper was approximately \$1,357.3 million, the weighted average yield on our outstanding commercial paper was approximately 0.26% per annum and the weighted average maturity on our outstanding commercial paper was 41.33 days.

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The following table sets forth our consolidated capitalization as of March 31, 2014, as adjusted to give effect to (i) the issuance and sale of the senior notes, and (ii) the use of net proceeds from this offering as set forth under "Use of Proceeds" in this prospectus supplement. This table should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2014, incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. See "Where You Can Find More Information" in the accompanying prospectus.

	As of March 31, 2014	
	Actual	As Adjusted (in millions)
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Short-term borrowings(1)	\$ 882	\$
Total long-term debt, classified as current	\$	\$
<b>Capitalization:</b>		
Long-term debt(2)	\$ 13,616	\$
Shareholders' equity(3)	15,132	
Total capitalization	\$ 28,748	\$

- (1) Actual short-term borrowings primarily included commercial paper and as adjusted short-term borrowings gives effect to (i) the issuance of the senior notes offered hereby and (ii) the use of proceeds of this offering to repay a portion of our outstanding commercial paper.
- (2) Actual long-term debt consisted of \$1,268 million of pollution control bonds and \$12,348 million of senior notes, net of any discounts and premiums.
- (3) Includes \$258 million of preferred stock without mandatory redemption provisions.

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**DESCRIPTION OF THE SENIOR NOTES**

**General**

You should read the following information in conjunction with the statements under Description of the Senior Notes in the accompanying prospectus.

As used in this section, the terms we, us and our refer to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, and not to any of our subsidiaries.

The senior notes are being offered in an initial aggregate principal amount of \$ and will mature on May , 2015.

We will issue the senior notes under an existing indenture, which was originally entered into on March 11, 2004 and amended and restated on April 22, 2005, between us and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (formerly known as The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A.), as trustee, as supplemented by supplemental indentures between us and the trustee. Please read the indenture because it, and not this description, defines your rights as holders of the senior notes. We have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a copy of the indenture as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are a part.

Pursuant to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, or the 1939 Act, if a default occurs on the senior notes, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. may be required to resign as trustee under the indenture if it has a conflicting interest (as defined in the 1939 Act), unless the default is cured, duly waived or otherwise eliminated within 90 days.

We may, without consent of or notice to the holders of the senior notes, issue additional senior notes under the indenture, having the same terms in all respects to the senior notes (except for the public offering price and the issue date and, in some cases, the first interest payment date) so that those additional notes will be consolidated and form a single series with the other outstanding senior notes.

We will issue the senior notes in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

We will issue the senior notes in the form of one or more global securities, which will be deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company, or DTC, and registered in the name of DTC's nominee. Information regarding DTC's book-entry system is set forth below under Book-Entry System; Global Notes and under Description of the Senior Notes Global Securities in the accompanying prospectus.

**Interest**

The senior notes will bear interest from May , 2014 or from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or provided for. We will pay interest on the senior notes quarterly on August , 2014, November , 2014, February , 2015 and May , 2015 (each, an interest payment date), to the persons in whose names the senior notes are registered at the close of business on the 15th calendar day (whether or not a Business Day) immediately preceding the related interest payment date; provided, however, that interest payable on the maturity date shall be payable to the person to whom the principal of such senior notes shall be payable. Interest on the senior notes will be computed on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed over a 360-day year. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this prospectus supplement, so long as the senior notes are in book-entry form, we will make payments of principal and interest through the trustee to DTC.

Interest payable on any interest payment date or the maturity date shall be the amount of interest accrued from, and including, the immediately preceding interest payment date in respect of which interest has been paid or duly provided for (or from and including the original issue date, if no interest has been paid or duly provided for with respect to the senior notes) to, but excluding, such interest payment date or maturity date, as the case

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may be. If any interest payment date (other than the maturity date) is not a Business Day at the relevant place of payment, we will pay interest on the next day that is a Business Day at such place of payment as if payment were made on the date such payment was due, and no interest will accrue on the amounts so payable for the period from and after such date to the immediately succeeding Business Day, except that if such Business Day is in the immediately succeeding calendar month, such interest payment date (other than the maturity date) shall be the immediately preceding Business Day. If the maturity date is not a Business Day at the relevant place of payment, we will pay interest, if any, and principal and premium, if any, on the next day that is a Business Day at such place of payment as if payment were made on the date such payment was due, and no interest will accrue for the intervening period.

Business Day means any day (1) that is not a Saturday or Sunday and that is not a day on which banking institutions are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close in The City of New York and, for any place of payment outside of The City of New York, in such place of payment, and (2) that is also a London business day, which is a day on which dealings in deposits in U.S. dollars are transacted in the London interbank market.

### ***Rate of Interest***

The interest rate on the senior notes will be reset quarterly on August , 2014, November , 2014 and February , 2015 (each, an interest reset date). The senior notes will bear interest at a per annum rate equal to three-month LIBOR (as defined below) for the applicable interest reset period or initial interest period (each as defined below) plus % ( basis points). The interest rate for the initial interest period will be three-month LIBOR, determined as of two London business days prior to the original issue date, plus % ( basis points) per annum. The interest rate on the senior notes will in no event be higher than the maximum rate permitted by California law as the same may be modified by United States law of general application.

The initial interest period will be the period from and including the original issue date to but excluding the initial interest reset date. Thereafter, each interest reset period will be the period from and including an interest reset date to but excluding the immediately succeeding interest reset date; provided that the final interest reset period for the senior notes will be the period from and including the interest reset date immediately preceding the maturity date of such senior notes to but excluding the maturity date.

If any interest reset date would otherwise be a day that is not a Business Day, the interest reset date will be postponed to the immediately succeeding day that is a Business Day, except that if that Business Day is in the immediately succeeding calendar month, the interest reset date shall be the immediately preceding Business Day.

The interest rate in effect on each day will be (i) if that day is an interest reset date, the interest rate determined as of the interest determination date (as defined below) immediately preceding such interest reset date or (ii) if that day is not an interest reset date, the interest rate determined as of the interest determination date immediately preceding the most recent interest reset date or the original issue date, as the case may be.

### ***Interest Rate Determination***

The interest rate applicable to each interest reset period commencing on the related interest reset date, or the original issue date in the case of the initial interest period, will be the rate determined as of the applicable interest determination date. The interest determination date will be the second London business day immediately preceding the original issue date, in the case of the initial interest reset period, or thereafter, will be the second London business day immediately preceding the applicable interest reset date.

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The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., or its successor appointed by us, will act as calculation agent. Three-month LIBOR will be determined by the calculation agent as of the applicable interest determination date in accordance with the following provisions:

(i) LIBOR is the rate for deposits in U.S. dollars for the 3-month period which appears on Reuters Screen LIBOR01 Page (as defined below) at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on the applicable interest determination date. Reuters Screen LIBOR01 Page means the display designated on page LIBOR01 on Reuters Screen (or such other page as may replace the LIBOR01 page on that service, any successor service or such other service or services as may be nominated by the British Bankers' Association for the purpose of displaying London interbank offered rates for U.S. dollar deposits). If no rate appears on Reuters Screen LIBOR01 Page, LIBOR for such interest determination date will be determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (ii) below.

(ii) With respect to an interest determination date on which no rate appears on Reuters Screen LIBOR01 Page as of approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on such interest determination date, the calculation agent shall request the principal London offices of each of four major reference banks (which may include affiliates of the underwriters) in the London interbank market selected by us to provide the calculation agent with a quotation of the rate at which deposits of U.S. dollars having a three-month maturity, commencing on the second London business day immediately following such interest determination date, are offered by it to prime banks in the London interbank market as of approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on such interest determination date in a principal amount equal to an amount of not less than U.S. \$1,000,000 that is representative for a single transaction in such market at such time. If at least two such quotations are provided, LIBOR for such interest determination date will be the arithmetic mean of such quotations as calculated by the calculation agent. If fewer than two quotations are provided, LIBOR for such interest determination date will be the arithmetic mean of the rates quoted as of approximately 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on such interest determination date by three major banks (which may include affiliates of the underwriters) selected by us for loans in U.S. dollars to leading European banks having a three-month maturity commencing on the second London business day immediately following such interest determination date and in a principal amount equal to an amount of not less than U.S. \$1,000,000 that is representative for a single transaction in such market at such time; provided, however, that if the banks selected as aforesaid by us are not quoting such rates as mentioned in this sentence, LIBOR for such interest determination date will be LIBOR determined with respect to the immediately preceding interest determination date.

All percentages resulting from any calculation of any interest rate for the senior notes will be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred thousandth of a percentage point, with five one-millionths of a percentage point rounded upward (e.g., 9.876545% (or .09876545) would be rounded to 9.87655% (or .0987655)), and all dollar amounts will be rounded to the nearest cent, with one-half cent being rounded upward.

Promptly upon such determination, the calculation agent will notify us and the trustee (if the calculation agent is not the trustee) of the interest rate for the new interest reset period. Upon request of a holder of the senior notes, the calculation agent will provide to such holder the interest rate in effect on the date of such request and, if determined, the interest rate for the next interest reset period.

All calculations made by the calculation agent for the purposes of calculating interest on the senior notes shall be conclusive and binding on the holders and us, absent manifest errors.

**Ranking**

The senior notes will be our direct, unsecured and unsubordinated obligations and will rank equally with all our other existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations. The senior notes will be effectively subordinated to all our secured debt. As of March 31, 2014, we had approximately \$12.4 billion of notes outstanding under the indenture for the senior notes. The indenture contains no restrictions on the amount of additional indebtedness that may be incurred by us.

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As of March 31, 2014, we did not have any outstanding secured debt for borrowed money.

**No Redemption**

The senior notes will not be redeemable prior to maturity.

**No Sinking Fund**

There is no provision for a sinking fund for the senior notes.

**Covenants**

The indenture restricts us and any of our subsidiaries which are significant subsidiaries from incurring or assuming secured debt or entering into sale and leaseback transactions, except in certain circumstances. The accompanying prospectus describes this covenant (see Description of the Senior Notes Restrictions on Liens and Sale and Leaseback Transactions in the accompanying prospectus) and other covenants contained in the indenture in greater detail and should be read prior to investing.

**Book-Entry System; Global Notes**

The senior notes will initially be issued in the form of one or more global notes. The senior notes will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered security certificate will be issued for the senior notes in the aggregate principal amount of the senior notes, and will be deposited with DTC or the trustee on behalf of DTC and registered in the name of DTC or its nominee. Investors may hold their beneficial interests in a global note directly through DTC or indirectly through organizations which are participants in the DTC system.

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**CERTAIN UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES**

The following summary describes certain United States federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the senior notes as of the date hereof. This summary is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as well as final, temporary and proposed Treasury regulations and administrative and judicial decisions. Legislative, judicial and administrative changes may occur, possibly with retroactive effect, that could affect the accuracy of the statements described herein. This summary generally is addressed only to original purchasers of the senior notes that purchase the senior notes at the initial offering price, deals only with senior notes held as capital assets and does not purport to address all United States federal income tax matters that may be relevant to investors in special tax situations, such as insurance companies, tax-exempt organizations, financial institutions, dealers in securities or currencies, traders in securities that elect to mark to market, holders of senior notes that are held as a hedge or as part of a hedging, straddle or conversion transaction, certain former citizens or residents of the United States, or United States holders (as defined below) whose functional currency is not the United States dollar. **Persons considering the purchase of the senior notes should consult their own tax advisors concerning the application of United States federal income tax laws, as well as the laws of any state, local or foreign taxing jurisdictions, to their particular situations.**

If a partnership (including an entity treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes) is a beneficial owner of a senior note, the treatment of such partnership, or a partner in the partnership, will generally depend upon the status of the partner and upon the activities of the partnership. A beneficial owner of a senior note that is a partnership, and partners in such a partnership, should consult their tax advisors about the United States federal income tax consequences of holding and disposing of the senior notes.

**United States Holders**

This section describes the tax consequences to a United States holder. A United States holder is a beneficial owner of a senior note that is (i) a citizen or resident of the United States, (ii) a corporation (including an entity treated as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes) created or organized in the United States or any state (including the District of Columbia), (iii) an estate whose income is subject to United States federal income tax on a net income basis in respect of the senior note, or (iv) a trust if a United States court can exercise primary supervision over the trust's administration and one or more United States persons are authorized to control all substantial decisions of the trust (or certain trusts that have made a valid election to be treated as a United States person).

If you are not a United States holder, this section does not apply to you. See **Non-United States Holders** below.

***Stated Interest***

Because the maturity date of the senior notes is not more than one year, interest on a senior note will be taxable to a holder of a senior note in accordance with the rules applicable to short-term debt obligations. In general, under those rules, a holder of a senior note who reports income for federal income tax purposes on the accrual method and certain other holders will be required to include the stated interest on such senior note in income on a straight-line basis, unless an election is made to accrue the stated interest according to a constant interest method based on daily compounding. A holder of a senior note who reports income for United States federal income tax purposes on the cash method will be required to include the stated interest in income at the time it is actually or constructively received unless such holder makes an election to include the stated interest in income currently as it accrues. Non-electing cash method holders will be required to defer deductions for any interest paid on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry such senior notes in an amount not exceeding the deferred interest income, until such deferred interest income is realized.

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### ***Sale, Exchange, Retirement or Disposition of the Senior Notes***

Upon the sale, exchange, retirement or other taxable disposition of a senior note, a holder generally will recognize taxable gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized from the sale, exchange, retirement or other taxable disposition and the holder's adjusted tax basis in the senior note. Such gain or loss generally will be short-term capital gain or loss, except in the case of a holder who is not required and does not elect to include interest in income currently in which case any gain realized on the sale, exchange, retirement or other taxable disposition of such a senior note will be treated as ordinary income to the extent of the unpaid interest that has accrued on a straight-line basis (or, if elected, according to a constant interest method based on daily compounding) through the date of such disposition. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to certain limitations. A holder's adjusted tax basis in a senior note should equal the cost for the senior note, and in the case of an accrual method holder (or cash method holder that has elected to include interest in income currently) decreased by any payment of stated interest previously received and increased by any stated interest previously accrued.

### ***Tax on Net Investment Income***

Certain non-corporate United States holders of senior notes generally will be subject to a 3.8% tax on their net investment income for the relevant taxable year. Subject to certain exceptions, a United States holder's calculation of its net investment income generally will include its interest income on, and its net gains from the disposition of, the senior notes. A United States holder that is an individual, estate or trust is urged to consult its tax advisor regarding the applicability of this tax to its income and gains in respect of your investment in the senior notes.

### ***Non-United States Holders***

This section describes the tax consequences to a non-United States holder. You are a non-United States holder if you are the beneficial owner of a senior note (other than a partnership, including an entity treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes) and are not a United States holder for United States federal income tax purposes.

### ***Payment of Interest***

A non-United States holder generally will not be subject to United States federal withholding tax with respect to payments of principal and interest on the senior notes, provided that (i) the non-United States holder does not actually or constructively own 10 percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote, (ii) the non-United States holder is not for United States federal income tax purposes a controlled foreign corporation related to us (directly or indirectly) through stock ownership, and (iii) the beneficial owner of the senior notes certifies to us or the fiscal and paying agent (on Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN or applicable form) under penalties of perjury as to its status as a non-United States holder and complies with applicable identification procedures. Special rules apply to partnerships, estates and trusts and, in certain circumstances, certifications as to foreign status and other matters may be required to be provided by partners and beneficiaries thereof.

### ***Sale, Exchange or Retirement of Senior Notes***

A non-United States holder of a senior note generally will not be subject to United States federal income tax on any gain realized upon the sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition of a senior note, unless the non-United States holder is an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year of sale, retirement or other disposition and certain other conditions are met. In such case, the non-United States holder generally will be subject to a 30 percent tax on any capital gain recognized on the disposition of the senior notes, after being offset by certain United States source capital losses.



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### ***United States Trade or Business***

If a non-United States holder of a senior note is engaged in a trade or business in the United States and income or gain from the senior note is effectively connected with the conduct of such trade or business, the non-United States holder will be exempt from withholding tax if appropriate certification has been provided, but will generally be subject to regular United States federal income tax on such income and gain in the same manner as if it were a United States holder. In addition, if such non-United States holder is a foreign corporation, it may be subject to a branch profits tax equal to 30 percent (or lower applicable treaty rate) of its effectively connected earnings and profits for the taxable year, subject to adjustments.

### ***Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act***

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the United States Internal Revenue Code, the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act or FATCA provisions, impose a 30% United States withholding tax on certain types of payments made to certain foreign entities. Failure to comply with the additional certification, information reporting and other specified requirements imposed under FATCA could result in United States withholding tax being imposed on payments of interest and principal under the senior notes and sales proceeds of the senior notes held by or through a foreign entity. United States Treasury Regulations provide that FATCA withholding generally will apply to (i) payments of interest made after June 30, 2014, (ii) gross proceeds from the sale, exchange or retirement of debt obligations paid after December 31, 2016, and (iii) certain foreign pass-thru payments received with respect to debt obligations held through foreign financial institutions after the later of December 31, 2016 and the date that final regulations defining the term foreign pass-thru payments are issued. However, the FATCA provisions do not apply to debt obligations issued on or prior to June 30, 2014, such as the senior notes. Therefore, the FATCA provisions only would apply to payments under the senior notes if there were a significant modification of the senior notes after June 30, 2014. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors regarding FATCA and its effect on them.

### **Backup Withholding and Information Reporting**

In general, payments of interest and the proceeds of sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition of the senior notes payable by a United States paying agent or other United States intermediary will be subject to information reporting. With respect to a non-United States holder, we must report annually to the Internal Revenue Service and to each non-United States holder the amount of any interest paid to such holder regardless of whether any tax was actually withheld. Copies of the information returns reporting such interest payments to a non-United States holder and the amount of any tax withheld also may be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which the non-United States holder resides under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty. In addition, backup withholding at the then applicable rate (currently 28 percent) will generally apply to these payments if:

in the case of a United States holder, the holder fails to provide an accurate taxpayer identification number, fails to certify that the holder is not subject to backup withholding or fails to report all interest and dividends required to be shown on its United States federal income tax returns; or

in the case of a non-United States holder, the holder fails to provide the certification on Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN or applicable form or otherwise does not provide evidence of exempt status.

Certain United States holders (including, among others, corporations) are not subject to information reporting or backup withholding. Any amount paid as backup withholding will be creditable against the holder's United States federal income tax liability and may entitle the holder to a refund, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the Internal Revenue Service. Holders of the senior notes should consult their tax advisors as to their qualification for exemption from backup withholding and the procedure for obtaining such an exemption.

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Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in an underwriting agreement between us and the underwriters named below, for whom Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Mizuho Securities USA Inc. are acting as representatives, we have agreed to sell to each of the underwriters, and each of the underwriters has severally and not jointly agreed to purchase from us, the principal amount of senior notes set forth opposite its name below.

<b>Underwriter</b>	<b>Principal Amount of Senior Notes</b>
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated	
Mizuho Securities USA Inc. Apto Partners, LLC	
Total	\$

The underwriters have agreed, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the underwriting agreement, to purchase all of the senior notes if any of the senior notes are purchased.

The underwriters propose to offer the senior notes directly to the public at the public offering price specified on the cover page to this prospectus supplement and may also offer the senior notes to certain dealers at the public offering price less a concession not to exceed % of the principal amount of the senior notes. The underwriters may allow, and these dealers may reallow, concession to certain brokers and dealers not to exceed % of the principal amount of the senior notes. After the initial offering of the senior notes, the underwriters may change the offering price and concessions.

The senior notes have no established trading market. We currently have no intention to list the senior notes on any securities exchange or automated dealer quotation system. The underwriters may make a market in the senior notes after completion of the offering, but will not be obligated to make a market in the senior notes and may discontinue such market making at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for the senior notes or that an active public market for the senior notes will develop. If an active public trading market for the senior notes does not develop, the market price and liquidity of the senior notes may be adversely affected.

We will agree to indemnify the several underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or to contribute to payments which the underwriters may be required to make in respect thereof.

We estimate our expenses for this offering, other than the underwriting discounts and commissions, to be approximately \$ .

We will agree with the underwriters not to, during the period three business days from the date of the underwriting agreement, sell, offer to sell, grant any option for the sale of, or otherwise dispose of any debt securities other than the senior notes, without the prior written consent of each of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Mizuho Securities USA Inc. This agreement will not apply to issuances of commercial paper with scheduled maturities of less than one year and the sale or remarketing of tax-exempt bonds issued by a governmental authority or body for our benefit.

In order to facilitate the offering, the underwriters may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the senior notes. Specifically, the underwriters may over-allot in connection with the offering, creating short positions in the senior notes for their own accounts. In addition, to cover over-allotments or to stabilize the price of the senior notes, the underwriters may bid for, and purchase, senior notes in the open

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market. The underwriters may reclaim selling concessions allowed to an underwriter or dealer for distributing senior notes in the offering if the underwriters repurchase previously distributed senior notes in transactions to cover short positions, in stabilization transactions or otherwise. Any of these activities may stabilize or maintain the market price of the senior notes above independent market levels. The underwriters are not required to engage in these activities, and may end any of these activities at any time without notice.

The underwriters also may impose a penalty bid. This occurs when a particular underwriter repays to the underwriters a portion of the underwriting discount received by it because the representatives have repurchased notes sold by or for the account of such underwriter in stabilizing or short covering transactions.

In general, purchases of a security for the purpose of stabilization or to reduce a short position could cause the price of the security to be higher than it might be in the absence of such purchases. The imposition of a penalty bid might also have an effect on the price of a security to the extent that it were to discourage resales of the security.

Neither we nor any underwriter makes any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of the senior notes. In addition, neither we nor any underwriter makes any representation that the underwriters will engage in such transactions or that such transactions once commenced will not be discontinued without notice.

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. Certain of the underwriters and their affiliates have engaged and may in the future engage in transactions with, and, from time to time, have performed and may perform investment banking, corporate trust and/or commercial banking services for, us and certain of our affiliates in the ordinary course of business, for which they have received and will receive customary compensation. In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and their respective affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments including serving as counterparties to certain derivative and hedging arrangements and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of the issuer. Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates that have a lending relationship with us may routinely hedge their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, these underwriters and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the notes offered hereby. Any such credit default swaps or short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the notes offered hereby. The underwriters and their respective affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments. Affiliates of one or more of the underwriters are part of a consortium of banks that participates in our revolving credit facility or Corp's revolving credit facility and may also hold our debt securities.

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### **Selling Restrictions**

#### ***Notice to Prospective Investors in the European Economic Area***

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State), each underwriter has represented and agreed that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the Relevant Implementation Date) it has not made and will not make an offer of senior notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus supplement to the public in that Relevant Member State other than:

- (a) to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (b) to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the issuer for any such offer; or
- (c) in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, provided that no such offer of senior notes shall require the issuer or any underwriter to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

This prospectus supplement has been prepared on the basis that any offer of senior notes in any Relevant Member State will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of the senior notes. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of senior notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated in this prospectus supplement may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Company or any of the underwriters to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive in relation to such offer. Neither the Company nor the underwriters have authorized, nor do they authorize, the making of any offer of senior notes in circumstances in which an obligation arises for the Company or the underwriters to publish a prospectus for such offer.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an offer of senior notes to the public in relation to any senior notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the senior notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the senior notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State, the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression 2010 PD Amending Directive means Directive 2010/73/EU.

#### ***Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom***

This communication is only being distributed to and is only directed at (i) persons who are outside the United Kingdom or (ii) investment professionals falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (the Order) or (iii) high net worth companies, and other persons to whom it may lawfully be communicated, falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order (all such persons together being referred to as relevant persons). The senior notes are only available to, and any invitation, offer or agreement to subscribe, purchase or otherwise acquire such senior notes will be engaged in only with, relevant persons. Any person who is not a relevant person should not act or rely on this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or any of their contents.

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Each underwriter has represented, warranted and agreed that: