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Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to

FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware 13-1500700

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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Large accelerated filer £

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Smaller reporting company £

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### **CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

# Title of Each Class Of Securities to be Registered

Amount to be registered/
Proposed maximum offering price per unit/
Proposed maximum offering price/
Amount of registration fee<sup>(1)</sup>

**Unsecured Debt Securities** 

Preferred Stock, including in the form of Depositary Shares

**Delayed Delivery Contracts** 

Trust Preferred and Capital Securities

Support Obligations and Interests Therein

Secured Senior Debt Securities

(1) An indeterminate aggregate initial offering price and number or amount of the securities of each identified class is being registered as may from time to time be sold at indeterminate prices. Separate consideration may or may not be received for securities that are issuable upon conversion of, or in exchange for,

or upon

exercise of, convertible or exchangeable securities. In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r), the registrant is deferring payment of all of the registration fee.

# **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement No. 333-178262 (the Registration Statement ) is filed by General Electric Capital Corporation to add secured senior debt securities of the registrant as a class of securities registered on the Registration Statement.

### **PROSPECTUS**

# **General Electric Capital Corporation**

Unsecured Debt Securities
Secured Senior Debt Securities
Preferred Stock
Delayed Delivery Contracts
Trust Preferred and Capital Securities
Support Obligations and Interests Therein

General Electric Capital Corporation may offer from time to time:

unsecured debt securities or secured senior debt securities; preferred stock, par value \$.01 per share, which may be issued in

depositary shares

the form of

evidenced

by

depositary

receipts;

delayed delivery

contracts

for the

purchase or

sale of

certain

specified

securities;

trust
preferred
and capital
securities;
and

support obligations and interests therein, including unsecured guarantees and direct-pay letters of credit.

We will provide specific terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus. The securities may be offered separately or together in any combination and as separate series or separate tranches within a series. You should read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement carefully before you invest.

Our principal executive offices are located at 901 Main Avenue, Norwalk, CT, 06851-1168.

# Investing in these securities involves risks. See Risk Factors on page 1 of this prospectus.

These securities have not been approved by the SEC or any State securities commission, nor have these organizations determined that this prospectus is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

We may sell these securities on a continuous or delayed basis directly to purchasers, through agents, dealers or underwriters as designated from time to time, or through a combination of these methods. If any agents, dealers or underwriters are involved in the sale of any securities, the applicable prospectus supplement will set forth any applicable commissions or discounts.

The date of this prospectus is December 5, 2012.

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#### **ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of a shelf registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). By using a shelf registration statement, we may sell, at any time and from time to time, in one or more offerings, any combination of the securities described in this prospectus. For further information about our business and the securities, you should refer to the registration statement and its exhibits. The exhibits to our registration statement contain the full text of certain contracts and other important documents we have summarized in this prospectus. Since these summaries may not contain all the information that you may find important in deciding whether to purchase the securities we offer, you should review the full text of these documents. The registration statement and the exhibits can be obtained from the SEC as indicated under the heading. Where You Can Find More Information on GECC.

This prospectus only provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will file with the SEC a prospectus supplement that contains specific information about the terms of those securities. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with the additional information described below under the heading Where You Can Find More Information on GECC.

You should rely on only the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement. We have authorized no one to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer of these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or a prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than their respective dates.

Except as otherwise indicated, references in this prospectus to GECC, we use and our refer to General Electric Capa Corporation.

#### RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves risks. You should carefully consider the risks described under Risk Factors in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 or in the other documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus (which risk factors are incorporated by reference herein), as well as the other information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or in any prospectus supplement hereto before making a decision to invest in our securities. See Where You Can Find More Information On GECC, below.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ON GECC

GECC files annual, quarterly and current reports and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public from the SEC s website at http://www.sec.gov. You may also read and copy any document we file at the SEC s public reference room in Washington D.C. located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. Information about us, including our SEC filings, is also available at our Internet site at http://www.gecapital.com. However, the information on our Internet site is not a part of this prospectus or any prospectus supplement.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus the information in other documents we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede information contained in documents filed earlier with the SEC or contained in this prospectus. We incorporate by reference in this prospectus the documents listed below and any future filings that we make with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, prior to the termination of the offering under this prospectus; *provided, however*, that we are not incorporating, in each

case, any documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with SEC rules:

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, filed with the SEC on February 24, 2012;

our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2012, June 30, 2012 and September 30, 2012, filed with the SEC on May 4, 2012, July 30, 2012 (as amended on July 31, 2012) and November 7, 2012, respectively;

our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on May 4, 2012, which contains our revised consolidated financial statements to reflect the merger of **GECC** into its former

parent company, General Electric Capital Services, Inc., into

GECC; and

our additional Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on January 20, 2012, February 22, 2012 April 6, 2012, April 20, 2012, May 16, 2012, June 12, 2012, July 20, 2012, July 27, 2012 and

October 19, 2012.

You may request a copy of these filings (excluding certain exhibits to the documents) at no cost. Requests should be directed to Fred A. Robustelli, Associate General Counsel Treasury, General Electric Capital Corporation, 201 High Ridge Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06927, Telephone No. (203) 961-5322.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some of the information included or incorporated by reference into this prospectus contains forward-looking that is, statements related to future, not past, events. In this context, forward-looking statements often statements address our expected future business and financial performance and financial condition, and often contain words such anticipate, intend, believe, seek, see, or will. Forward-looking statements by their natur as expect, plan, matters that are, to different degrees, uncertain. For us, particular uncertainties that could cause our actual results to be materially different than those expressed in our forward-looking statements include: current economic and financial conditions, including volatility in interest and exchange rates, commodity and equity prices and the value of financial assets; potential market disruptions or other impacts arising in the United States or Europe from developments in the European sovereign debt situation; the impact of conditions in the financial and credit markets on the availability and cost of our funding and on our ability to reduce our asset levels as planned; the impact of conditions in the housing market and unemployment rates on the level of commercial and consumer credit defaults; changes in Japanese consumer behavior that may affect our estimates of liability for excess interest refund claims (GE Money Japan); pending and future mortgage securitization claims and litigation in connection with our U.S. mortgage business (WMC), which may affect our estimates of liability, including possible loss estimates; our ability to maintain our current credit rating and the impact on our funding costs and competitive position if we do not do so; our ability to pay

dividends to GE at the planned level; the level of demand and financial performance of the major industries we serve, including, without limitation, air transportation, real estate and healthcare; the impact of regulation and regulatory, investigative and legal proceedings and legal compliance risks, including the impact of financial services regulation; strategic actions, including acquisitions, joint ventures and dispositions and our success in completing announced transactions and integrating acquired businesses; the impact of potential information technology or data security breaches; and numerous other matters of national, regional and global scale, including those of a political, economic, business and competitive nature. These uncertainties may cause our actual future results to be materially different than those expressed in our forward-looking statements. Accordingly, we caution you against relying on forward-looking statements. We do not undertake to update our forward-looking statements.

# THE COMPANY

General Electric Capital Corporation (GECC) was incorporated in 1943 in the State of New York under the provisions of the New York Banking Law relating to investment companies, as successor to General Electric Contracts Corporation, which was formed in 1932. Until November 1987, our name was General Electric Credit Corporation. On July 2, 2001, we changed our state of

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incorporation to Delaware. As of December 31, 2011, all of our outstanding common stock was owned by General Electric Capital Services, Inc. (GECS), formerly General Electric Financial Services, Inc., the common stock of which was in turn wholly-owned by General Electric Company (GE). Financing and services offered by GECC are diversified, a significant change from the original business of GECC, which was financing distribution and sale of consumer and other GE products. Currently, GE manufactures few of the products financed by GECC.

On February 22, 2012, our former parent, GECS, was merged with and into GECC. The merger simplified GE s financial services corporate structure by consolidating financial services entities and assets within its organization and simplifying SEC and regulatory reporting. Upon the merger, GECC became the surviving corporation and assumed all of GECS rights and obligations and became wholly-owned directly by GE. GECC s continuing operations now include the run-off insurance operations previously held and managed in GECS. References to GECS or GECC in this prospectus prior to February 22, 2012 relate to the entities as they existed prior to that date and do not reflect the February 22, 2012 merger.

We operate in five segments: Commercial Lending and Leasing, Consumer, Real Estate, Energy Financial Services and GE Capital Aviation Services. These operations are subject to a variety of regulatory regimes in their respective jurisdictions. Our operations are located in North America, South America, Europe, Australia and Asia.

GECC s principal executive offices are located at 901 Main Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut 06851-1168, and its telephone number is (203) 840-6300. At December 31, 2011, our employment totaled approximately 52,000.

### CONSOLIDATED RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

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, interest capitalized (net of amortization) and fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest on all indebtedness and one-third of rentals, which we believe is a reasonable approximation of the interest factor of such rentals. We did not pay dividends on our preferred stock during the periods presented.

	Nine Months	Fiscal Year Ended					
	Ended September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011**	December 31, 2010**	December 31, 2009**	December 31, 2008**	December 31, 2007**	
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	1.61***	1.52x	1.13x	0.83x	1.26x	1.62x	

\* For purposes of computing the consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of

earnings before income taxes, noncontrolling interest, discontinued operations and undistributed earnings of equity investees. Fixed charges consist of interest on all indebtedness and one-third of rentals, which we believe is representative of the interest factor of such rentals.

The ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively, do not reflect the February 22, 2012 merger of GECS with and into GECC.

\*\*\* The ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 reflects the February 22, 2012 merger of

GECS with and into GECC from that date.

# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, we will add the net proceeds from the sale of the securities to which this prospectus and the prospectus supplement relate to our general funds, which we use for financing our operations. We can conduct additional financings at any time.

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### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell our securities on a continuous or delayed basis directly to purchasers, through agents, dealers and underwriters or through a combination of these methods.

We may designate agents to solicit offers to purchase our securities.

We will
name any
agent
involved in
offering or
selling our
securities,
and any
commissions
that we will
pay to the
agent, in our

prospectus supplement.

Unless we indicate otherwise in our prospectus supplement, our agents will act on a best efforts basis for the period of their appointment.

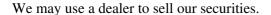
Our agents may be deemed to be underwriters under the Securities Act of 1933 of any of our securities that they offer or sell.

We may use an underwriter or underwriters in the offer or sale of our securities.

If we use an underwriter or underwriters, we will execute an underwriting agreement with the underwriter or underwriters at the time that we reach an agreement for the sale of our securities to the underwriters who offer at a specified price.

We will include the names of the specific managing underwriter or underwriters, as well as any other underwriters, and the terms of the transactions, including the compensation the underwriters and dealers will receive, in our prospectus supplement.

The underwriters will use our prospectus supplement to sell our securities.





The dealer will then sell our securities to the public at varying prices that the dealer will determine at the time it sells our securities.

include the name of the dealer and the terms of our transactions with the dealer in our prospectus supplement.

We will

We may solicit directly offers to purchase our securities, and we may directly sell our securities to institutional or other investors. We will describe the terms of our direct sales in our prospectus supplement.

We may indemnify agents, underwriters, and dealers against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933. Our agents, underwriters, and dealers, or their affiliates, may be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for us, in the ordinary course of business.

We may authorize our agents and underwriters to solicit offers by certain institutions to purchase our securities at the public offering price under delayed delivery contracts.

If we use delayed delivery contracts, we will disclose that we are using them in the prospectus supplement and will tell you when we will demand payment and delivery of the securities under the delayed delivery contracts.

These delayed

delivery contracts will be subject only to the conditions that we set forth in the prospectus supplement.

We will

indicate in our prospectus supplement the commission that underwriters and agents soliciting purchases of our securities under delayed contracts will be entitled to

Unless otherwise provided in the prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, neither support obligations nor interests therein will be offered or sold separately from the underlying securities to which they relate. The underlying securities will be offered and sold under a separate offering document.

# **FINRA Regulations**

receive.

GE Capital Markets Group, Inc. is an affiliate of GECC and may participate as a selling agent in the distribution of securities issued pursuant to this prospectus. Rule 5121 of the Financial

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Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (FINRA) imposes certain requirements when a FINRA Member such as GE Capital Markets, Inc. distributes an affiliated company s securities. As a result, we will conduct any offering in which GE Capital Markets, Inc. acts as a selling agent in compliance with the applicable requirements of Rule 5121. The maximum compensation we will pay to the selling agents or underwriters in connection with any offering of the securities will not exceed 8% of the maximum proceeds of such offering.

### **SECURITIES OFFERED**

Using this prospectus, we may offer unsecured debt securities, secured senior debt securities, preferred stock, delayed delivery contracts for the purchase or sale of certain specified securities and trust preferred and capital securities. In addition, we may issue unsecured guarantees and direct-pay letters of credit, including interests therein. We are registering these securities with the SEC using a shelf registration statement. This shelf registration statement allows us to offer any combination of these securities. Each time we offer securities, we must provide a prospectus supplement that describes the specific terms of the securities. The prospectus supplement may also provide new information or update the information in the prospectus. Such information may also be contained in a written communication from us or the agents.

As a well-known seasoned issuer under the rules of the SEC, we are permitted to and may add other securities to the registration statement and prospectus by subsequent amendment. Also we are able to add our subsidiaries and securities to be issued by them if we guarantee the securities.

Among the securities we may add to the registration statement and prospectus by subsequent amendment are preferred or capital securities issued by trusts we may organize (see Description of Trust Preferred or Capital Securities below).

#### DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

### General

The description below of the general terms of the debt securities issued under this prospectus will be supplemented by the more specific terms in the applicable prospectus supplement. Specific terms of the debt securities may also be contained in a written communication from us or the agents.

Unless otherwise provided in a prospectus supplement to this prospectus:

the unsecured senior debt securities (the unsecured senior debt securities ) will be issued pursuant to the Third Amended and Restated Indenture, between us and The Bank of New York Mellon, dated

as of February

27, 1997, as

supplemented

by a

Supplemental

Indenture

dated as of

May 3, 1999,

a Second

Supplemental

Indenture

dated as of

July 2, 2001, a

Third

Supplemental

Indenture

dated as of

November 22,

2002, a Fourth

Supplemental

Indenture

dated as of

August 24,

2007, a Fifth

Supplemental

Indenture

dated as of

December 2,

2008 and a

Sixth

Supplemental

Indenture

dated as of

April 2, 2009,

or pursuant to

the Third

Amended and

Restated

Indenture,

between us

and The Bank

of New York

Mellon, dated

as of February

28, 1997, as

supplemented

by a First

Supplemental

Indenture

dated as of

July 2, 2001

(collectively, the unsecured senior indentures ); the secured senior debt securities (the secured senior debt securities and, collectively with the unsecured senior debt securities, the senior debt securities ) will be issued pursuant to an indenture to be executed upon the initial issuance of secured senior

securities,

debt

between us

and The Bank

of New York

Mellon as

trustee (the

open secured

senior debt

indenture ), or

pursuant to an

indenture

between us,

The Bank of

New York

Mellon as

trustee, and

Wells Fargo

Bank

Northwest,

N.A. as

security

trustee (the

closed secured

senior debt

indenture and, together with the open secured senior indenture, the secured indentures and, the secured indentures together with the unsecured senior indentures, the senior indentures ); the subordinated

subordinated debt securities will be issued pursuant to a Subordinated Debt Indenture.

Debt
Indenture,
between us
and The Bank
of New York
Mellon, dated
as of July 1,
2005, as
amended and

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restated by an Amended and Restated Subordinated Debt Indenture, dated as of July 15, 2005 (the subordinated indenture ); and the junior subordinated debentures will be issued pursuant to an Indenture for Subordinated Debentures, between us and The Bank of New York Mellon, dated as of September 1, 2006 (the junior subordinated indenture and, together with the unsecured senior indentures and the subordinated indenture, the unsecured indentures, and, together with the senior indentures and the subordinated indenture, the indentures ).

References to section numbers in this section, unless otherwise indicated, are references to section numbers of the applicable indenture.

# Ranking

The unsecured senior debt securities will be (i) unsecured and will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness and (ii) effectively junior to the liabilities of our subsidiaries.

The secured senior debt securities will be (i) secured, (ii) senior to all of our unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness to the extent of any security or collateral securing such debt securities and otherwise rank equally with all of our unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness and (iii) effectively junior to the liabilities of our subsidiaries.

The subordinated debt securities and junior subordinated debentures offered by this prospectus will be (i) general unsecured obligations, (ii) rank subordinated and junior in right of payment, to the extent set forth in the subordinated indenture or the junior subordinated indenture, as applicable, to all Senior Indebtedness (as defined under the applicable indenture) and (iii) effectively junior to the liabilities of our subsidiaries.

A substantial portion of our assets are owned through our subsidiaries, many of which have significant debt or other liabilities of their own which will be structurally senior to the debt securities. None of our subsidiaries will have any obligations with respect to the debt securities. Therefore, GECC s rights and the rights of GECC s creditors, including holders of debt securities, to participate in the assets of any subsidiary upon any such subsidiary s liquidation may be subject to the prior claims of the subsidiary s other creditors.

#### **Terms**

We will describe the specific terms of the series of debt securities being offered in a supplement to this prospectus. These terms will include some or all of the following:

the designation, the aggregate principal amount and the authorized denominations if other than the denominations set forth in the applicable indenture;

the percentage of their principal amount at which the debt securities will be issued;

the date or dates on which the debt

securities will mature;

whether the debt securities will be senior or subordinated obligations;

if the debt securities are secured senior debt securities, a description of the collateral and the terms and conditions of the security and realization provisions;

if the debt securities are subordinated debt securities or junior subordinated debt securities, whether the subordination provisions summarized below or different subordination provisions will apply;

if the debt securities are secured senior debt securities issued under the open secured senior debt indenture, whether the secured senior debt securities will or will not

have the benefit of guarantees and the GECC subsidiaries that will be the initial guarantors of such secured senior debt securities;

any limit on the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities;

the place or places where the principal of, and premium, if any, and any interest on the debt securities will be payable;

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any deletions or modifications of or additions to the Events of Default and related remedies described below or the covenants of GECC set forth in the applicable indenture;

the currency, currencies or currency units in which we will make payments on the debt securities;

the rate or rates at which the debt securities will bear interest, if any, or the method of determination of such rate or rates, and the basis for calculating interest if other than a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months;

the date or dates from which such interest, if any, shall accrue, the dates on

which such interest, if any, will be payable and the method of determining holders to whom interest shall be payable;

the prices, if any, at which, and the dates at or after which, we may or must repay, repurchase or redeem the debt securities;

the portion of the principal amount of the debt securities which shall be payable on declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof, if other than as set forth in the indenture;

whether and under what circumstances GECC will pay additional amounts on the debt securities held by non-U.S. persons with respect to any taxes withheld;

if the debt securities are to be issuable in certificated form, the form and terms of such certificates;

the exchanges, if any, on which the debt securities may be listed;

the trustee under the indentures pursuant to which the debt securities are to be issued; and

any other terms of the debt securities not inconsistent with the provisions of the applicable indenture.

In addition to the description of the debt securities in the prospectus supplement, you should refer to the detailed provisions of the indenture applicable to the debt securities, copies of which are filed as exhibits to the registration statement.

Some of the debt securities may be issued as discounted debt securities to be sold at a substantial discount below their stated principal amount. The related prospectus supplement will contain information on Federal income tax consequences and other special considerations applicable to discounted debt securities.

### **Payment and Transfer**

Unless we otherwise state in a prospectus supplement, we will issue debt securities only as registered securities, which means that the name of the holder will be entered in a register which will be kept by the trustee or another agent of GECC. Unless we state otherwise in a prospectus supplement, we will make principal and interest payments at the office of the paying agent or agents we name in the prospectus supplement or by mailing a check to such holder at the address specified in the register and will otherwise treat such registered holder as the owner of the debt security for all purposes.

Unless we describe other procedures in a prospectus supplement, a registered holder will be able to transfer registered debt securities at the office of the transfer agent or agents we name in the prospectus supplement. The registered holder may also exchange registered debt securities at the office of the transfer agent for an equal aggregate principal amount of registered debt securities of the same series in different denominations having the same maturity date, interest rate and other terms as long as the debt securities are issued in authorized denominations. Neither GECC nor the trustee will impose any service charge for any such transfer or exchange of a debt security, however, a registered holder may be required to pay any taxes or other governmental charges in connection with a transfer or exchange of debt securities.

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### Global Notes, Delivery and Form

We may issue some or all of the debt securities in the form of one or more Global Notes representing an entire issuance in book-entry form. Under the applicable book entry system, each Global Note will be registered to a depositary (a Depositary ) or with a nominee for a Depositary identified in the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for debt securities in definitive registered form, a Global Note may not be transferred, except as a whole by the Depositary for such Global Note to a nominee of such Depositary or by a nominee of such Depositary to such Depositary or another nominee of such Depositary or by such Depositary or any such nominee to a successor of such Depositary or a nominee of such successor. For purposes of this Prospectus, Global Note refers to the Global Note or Global Notes representing an entire issue of debt securities.

The specific terms of the depositary arrangement with respect to any debt securities to be represented by a Global Note will be described in the prospectus supplement.

# **Limitation on Mergers and Sales of Assets**

The indentures generally permit a consolidation or merger between us and another entity. They also permits the sale or transfer by us of all or substantially all of our assets. These transactions are permitted if:

the resulting or acquiring entity, if other than us, is organized and existing under the laws of the **United States** of America or a State thereof and expressly assumes all of our obligations under the applicable indenture including the due and punctual payment of the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on all the debt

securities outstanding under such indenture; and

immediately

after the

transaction,

we or any

successor

company are

not in default

in the

performance

of any

covenant or

condition

under the

applicable

indenture, or

in the case of

the secured

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subsidiaries

of GECC

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trustee upon

GECC s entry

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indenture.

Upon any consolidation, merger, or transfer of this kind, the resulting or acquiring entity will be substituted for us in the applicable indenture with the same effect as if it had been an original party to such indenture. As a result, the successor entity may exercise our rights and powers under such indenture, and we will be released from further liabilities and obligations under such indenture and the related debt securities.

### **Restrictive Covenants**

We will describe any restrictive covenants for any series of debt securities in the prospectus supplement. The indentures do not contain any provisions that:

limit our ability to incur indebtedness, provide protection in the event GE, as sole indirect stockholder of GECC, causes GECC to engage in a highly leveraged transaction, reorganization, restructuring, merger or similar transaction.

However, GECC does not currently intend to have more than \$2.5 billion in aggregate principal amount of secured senior debt securities outstanding under the secured indentures.

#### **Events of Default**

### **Unsecured Senior Debt Securities**

Each unsecured senior indenture defines an Event of Default with respect to any series of unsecured senior debt securities as any of the following, unless otherwise specified in the supplemental indenture or resolutions specifying the terms of the applicable series:

default in any payment of principal or premium, if any, on any unsecured senior debt security of such series;

default for 30 days in payment of interest on any unsecured senior debt security of such series;

default in the making or satisfaction of any sinking fund payment or analogous obligation on the unsecured senior debt securities of such series;

default for 60 days after written notice to GECC from the trustee or from the holders of 25% in principal amount of all outstanding unsecured senior debt securities of the applicable series, in performance of any other covenant or agreement in

respect of the unsecured senior debt securities of such series contained in such indenture, except defaults specifically dealt with elsewhere in Section 6.01;

default, as defined, with respect to any other series of unsecured senior debt securities outstanding under the relevant indenture or with respect to any other indenture or instrument evidencing or under which GECC has outstanding any indebtedness for borrowed money, as a result of which such other series or such other indebtedness of GECC shall have been

accelerated and

acceleration shall not have been rescinded or annulled within 10 days after written notice thereof

such

(provided however, that the resulting Event of Default with respect to such series of unsecured senior debt securities, or under such other indenture or instrument, as the case may be, shall be remedied, cured or waived by the remedying, curing or waiving of such other default under such other series or such other indebtedness); certain events involving bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization; or

any other event of default provided in the instrument establishing such series or tranche of unsecured senior debt securities. (Section 6.01).

Each unsecured senior indenture requires us to deliver to the trustee annually a written statement as to the presence or absence of certain defaults under the terms thereof. (Section 4.05). An Event of Default under one series of unsecured senior debt securities does not necessarily constitute an Event of Default under any other series of unsecured senior debt securities. Each unsecured senior indenture provides that the trustee may withhold notice to the holders of any series of debt securities issued thereunder of any default if the trustee considers it in the interest of such noteholders to do so provided the trustee may not withhold notice of default in the payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest,

if any, on any of the unsecured senior debt securities of such series or in the making of any sinking fund installment or analogous obligation with respect to such series. (Section 6.08).

Each unsecured senior indenture provides that if any Event of Default occurs and is continuing with respect to any series of unsecured senior debt securities issued under such unsecured senior indenture, either the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding unsecured senior debt securities of such series may declare the principal, or in the case of discounted debt securities, a portion of the principal amount, of all such unsecured senior debt securities to be due and payable immediately. Under certain conditions such declaration may be annulled by the holders of a majority in principal amount of such unsecured senior debt securities then outstanding. The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of such unsecured senior debt securities then outstanding may also waive on behalf of all holders past defaults with respect to a particular series of unsecured senior debt securities except, unless previously cured, a default in payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest, if any, on any of the unsecured senior debt securities of such series, or the payment of any sinking fund installment or analogous obligation on the unsecured senior debt securities of such series. (Sections 6.01 and 6.07).

In each unsecured senior indenture, we agree that in case of an Event of Default pursuant to the first, second or third bullet points above, then, upon demand of the trustee, we will pay to the trustee, for the benefit of the holder of any unsecured senior debt security in respect of which the Event of Default has occurred (or holders of any series of unsecured senior debt securities in the case of the third bullet point above) the whole amount that then shall have become due and payable on any such unsecured senior debt security (or unsecured senior debt securities of any such series in

the case of the third bullet point above) for principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, with interest upon the overdue principal and premium, if any, and (to the extent that payment of such interest is enforceable under applicable law) upon the overdue installments of interest, if any, at the Overdue Rate (as defined in the applicable unsecured senior indenture) applicable to any such unsecured senior debt security (or unsecured senior debt securities of any such series in the case of the third bullet point above). In addition, we will pay to the trustee any further amount as shall be sufficient to cover costs and expenses of collection and any further amounts payable to the trustee. (Section 6.02). The trustee or a holder may bring suit for the collection of amounts set forth in this paragraph.

Other than the duties of a trustee during a default, the trustee is not obligated to exercise any of its rights or powers under the unsecured senior indentures at the request, order or direction of any holders of unsecured senior debt securities of any series issued thereunder unless such holders shall have offered to the trustee reasonable indemnity. (Sections 7.01 and 7.02). Subject to such indemnification provision, each unsecured senior indenture provides that the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the unsecured senior debt securities of any series issued thereunder at the time outstanding shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee thereunder, or exercising any trust or power conferred on such trustee with respect to the unsecured senior debt securities of such series. However, the trustee may decline to act if it, being advised by counsel, determines that the actions or proceedings so directed may be illegal or involve it in any personal liability. (Section 6.07).

#### Secured Senior Debt Securities

Each secured senior debt indenture defines an Event of Default with respect to any series of secured senior debt securities issued thereunder as any of the following, unless otherwise specified in the supplemental indenture or resolutions specifying the terms of the applicable series:

default in any payment of principal or premium, if any, on secured senior debt securities of any series (including, in the case of the closed secured senior debt indenture, the failure to mandatorily redeem such secured senior debt securities to the extent required by, and in accordance with, the terms of the closed secured senior

# debt indenture);

default for 30 days in payment of interest on any secured senior debt security of such series;

default, for 60 days after written notice to GECC from the trustee or from the holders of 25% in principal amount of all outstanding secured senior debt securities of the applicable series, in performance of any other covenant or agreement in respect of the secured senior debt securities contained in the applicable secured senior debt indenture, other than such covenants or agreements as are specifically excluded for a particular series of secured senior debt securities;

default, as defined, with respect to any indenture or instrument

evidencing or

under which

GECC has

outstanding any

indebtedness

for borrowed

money, as a

result of which

such other

indebtedness of

GECC shall

have been

accelerated and

such

acceleration

shall not have

been rescinded

or annulled

within 10 days

after written

notice thereof

(provided

however, that

the resulting

Event of

Default with

respect to such

indebtedness

for borrowed

money may be

remedied,

cured or

waived by the

remedying,

curing or

waiving of such

other default

under such

other

indebtedness

for borrowed

money) (a cross

acceleration )

and, in each

case, where the

principal

amount of any

such

indebtedness

for borrowed

money,

together with the principal amount of any other such indebtedness for borrowed money under which there has been a cross acceleration, aggregates to more than the greater of \$100.0 million and 10% of all such indebtedness for borrowed money of GECC and its consolidated subsidiaries then outstanding; or

certain events involving bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization;

Other than the duties of the trustee during a default, the trustee is not obligated to exercise any of its rights or powers under the secured senior debt indenture at the request, order or direction of any holders of secured senior debt securities issued thereunder unless such holders shall have offered

to the trustee reasonable indemnity. (Sections 7.01 and 7.02). Subject to such indemnification provision, the secured senior debt indenture provides that the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the secured senior debt securities issued thereunder at the time outstanding shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee thereunder, or exercising any trust or power conferred on such trustee with respect to the secured senior debt securities. However, the trustee may decline to act if it, being advised by counsel, determines that the actions or proceedings so directed may be illegal or involve it in any personal liability. (Section 6.07).

#### Subordinated Debt Securities

The subordinated indenture defines an Event of Default with respect to any series of subordinated debt securities as any of the following:

default in any payment of principal or premium, if any, on any subordinated debt securities of such series;

default for 30 days in payment of any interest, if any, on any subordinated debt securities of such series;

default in the making or satisfaction of any sinking fund payment or analogous obligation on the subordinated debt securities of such series:

certain events involving bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization; or

any other event of default provided in the applicable board resolutions or the instrument establishing such series of subordinated debt securities. (Section 6.01).

The subordinated indenture requires us to deliver to the trustee annually a written statement as to the presence or absence of certain defaults under the terms thereof. (Section 4.05). An Event of Default under one series of subordinated debt securities does not necessarily constitute an Event of Default under any other series of subordinated debt securities. The subordinated indenture provides that the trustee may withhold notice to the holders of any series of subordinated debt securities issued thereunder of any default if the trustee considers it in the interest of such noteholders to do so provided the trustee may not withhold notice of default in the payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest, if any, on any of the subordinated debt securities of such series or in the making of any sinking fund installment or analogous obligation with respect to such series. (Section 6.08)

The subordinated indenture provides that if an Event of Default arising from certain events involving bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization occurs and is continuing with respect to a series of subordinated debt securities, then the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding subordinated debt securities of such series may declare the principal, or in the case of discounted subordinated debt securities, a portion of the principal amount, of all such subordinated debt securities to be due and payable immediately. Under certain conditions such declaration may be annulled by the holders of a majority in principal amount of such subordinated debt securities then outstanding. The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of such subordinated debt securities then outstanding may also waive on behalf of all holders past defaults with respect to a particular series of subordinated debt securities except, unless previously cured, a default in payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest, if any, on any of the subordinated debt securities of such series, or the payment of any sinking fund installment or analogous obligation on the subordinated debt securities of such series. (Sections 6.01 and 6.07)

In the subordinated indenture, we agree that in case of an Event of Default pursuant to the first, second or third bullet points above, then, upon demand of the trustee, we will pay to the trustee, for the benefit of the holder of any subordinated debt security in respect of which the Event of Default has occurred (or holders of any series of subordinated debt securities in the case of the third bullet point above) the whole amount that then shall have become due and payable on any such subordinated debt security (or subordinated debt securities of any such series in the case of the third bullet point above) for principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, with interest upon the overdue principal and premium, if any, and (to the extent that payment of such interest is enforceable under applicable law) upon the overdue installments of interest, if any, at the Overdue

Rate (as defined in the subordinated indenture) applicable to any such subordinated debt security (or subordinated debt securities of any such series in the case of the third bullet point above). In addition, we will pay to the trustee any further amount as shall be sufficient to cover costs and expenses of collection and any further amounts payable to the trustee. (Section 6.02). The trustee or a holder may bring suit for the collection of amounts set forth in this paragraph. The foregoing rights in respect of payment defaults do not, however, permit the acceleration of amounts scheduled to become due and payable, which remedy is limited as noted above to certain events involving bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization.

Other than the duties of a trustee during a default, the trustee is not obligated to exercise any of its rights or powers under the subordinated indenture at the request, order or direction of any holders of subordinated debt securities of any series issued thereunder unless such holders shall have offered to the trustee reasonable indemnity. (Sections 7.01 and 7.02). Subject to such indemnification provision, the subordinated indenture provides that the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the subordinated debt securities of any series issued thereunder at the time outstanding shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee thereunder, or exercising any trust or power conferred on such trustee with respect to the subordinated debt securities of such series. However, the trustee may decline to act if it, being advised by counsel, determines that the actions or proceedings so directed may be illegal or involve it in any personal liability. (Section 6.07)

### Junior Subordinated Debentures

The junior subordinated indenture defines an Event of Default with respect to any series of junior subordinated debentures: