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SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED OCTOBER 1, 2012

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To Prospectus dated December 8, 2011)

General Electric Company

\$ % Notes due 20

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We will pay interest on the notes semiannually on and of each year, beginning on , 2013. The % Notes due 20 will mature on , 20 . The % Notes due 20 will mature on , 20 . The % Notes due 20 will mature on , 20 . We refer to the % Notes due 20 , the % Notes due 20 and the % Notes due 20 collectively as the notes. The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange.

We may redeem the notes of each series at any time and from time to time, as a whole or in part, at our option, at the applicable redemption prices described in this prospectus supplement.

The notes will be unsecured obligations and rank equally with our other unsecured debt securities that are not subordinated obligations. The notes will be issued in registered form in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

See Risk Factors on page S-5 for a discussion of certain risks that should be considered in connection with an investment in the notes.

	Price to Public⁽¹⁾	Underwriting Discount	Proceeds, Before Expenses, to us⁽¹⁾
Per % Note due 20	%	%	%
% Note Total	\$	\$	\$
Per % Note due 20	%	%	%
% Note Total	\$	\$	\$
Per % Note due 20	%	%	%
% Note Total	\$	\$	\$

Total	\$	\$	\$
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(1) Plus accrued interest from October , 2012, if settlement occurs after that date.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the notes or determined that this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The underwriters expect to deliver the notes in book-entry form only through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company, for the benefit of its participants, including Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, on or about October , 2012.

Bookrunners

Barclays Citigroup Deutsche Bank Securities
Goldman, Sachs & Co. J.P. Morgan Morgan Stanley
The date of this prospectus supplement is October , 2012.

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the terms of the offering of the notes. The second part is the accompanying prospectus dated December 8, 2011, which we refer to as the accompanying prospectus. The accompanying prospectus contains a description of our debt securities and gives more general information, some of which may not apply to the notes.

We are responsible for the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and in any related free writing prospectus we prepare or authorize. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone to give you any other information, and neither we nor the underwriters take responsibility for any other information that others may give you. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer of these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information provided by this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus is accurate as of any date other than their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

Before you invest in the notes, you should carefully read the registration statement described in the accompanying prospectus (including the exhibits thereto) of which this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus form a part, this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The incorporated documents are described in this prospectus supplement under [Where You Can Find More Information](#).

Except as otherwise indicated, references in this prospectus supplement to [GE](#), [we](#), [us](#) and [our](#) refer to General Electric Company and its subsidiaries.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). Our SEC filings are available to the public from the SEC's web site 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.ge.com>. However, the information on our Internet site is not a part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus the information in other documents that 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 supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and information in documents 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 supplement and the accompanying prospectus. We incorporate by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus the documents listed below and any future filings that we may make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), until we sell all of the securities that may be offered by this prospectus supplement; 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:

The Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 that we filed with the SEC on February 24, 2012 (including portions of our Proxy Statement for our 2012 annual meeting of shareowners held on April 25, 2012 to the extent specifically incorporated by reference in such Form 10-K);

The
Quarterly
Reports on
Form 10-Q
for the
quarterly
periods
ended March
31, 2012 and
June 30,
2012 that we
filed on May
4, 2012 (as
amended on
May 9, 2012
and May 23,
2012) and
July 30,
2012,
respectively;
and

The Current
Reports on
Form 8-K
filed on April
6, 2012,
April 30,
2012, May
16, 2012,
June 12,
2012, July
23, 2012 and
July 30,
2012.

You may request a copy of any or all of the documents referred to above which may have been or may be incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus (excluding certain exhibits to the documents) at no cost to you by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

General Electric Company
3135 Easton Turnpike
Fairfield, Connecticut 06828
Attn: Investor Communications
(203) 373-2211

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document contains forward-looking statements that is, statements related to future, not past, events. In this context, forward-looking statements often address our expected future business and financial performance and financial condition, and often contain words such as expect, anticipate, intend, plan, believe, seek, see or Forward-looking statements by their nature address 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 General Electric Capital Corporation's (GECC's) funding and on our ability to reduce GECC's 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, 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; the adequacy of our cash flow and earnings and other conditions which may affect our ability to pay our quarterly dividend at the planned level; GECC's 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 and rail transportation, energy generation, 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. We do not undertake to update our forward-looking statements.

SUMMARY OF THE OFFERING

The following is a brief summary of some of the terms of this offering. It does not contain all of the information that you need to consider in making your investment decision. To understand all of the terms of the offering of the notes, you should carefully read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

About General Electric Company

We are one of the largest and most diversified technology and financial services corporations in the world. With products and services ranging from aircraft engines, power generation, water processing, and household appliances to medical imaging, business and consumer financing and industrial products, we serve customers in more than 100 countries and employ approximately 300,000 people worldwide. Prior to January 28, 2011, we also operated a media company, NBC Universal, Inc. Effective January 28, 2011, we hold a 49% interest in a media entity that includes the NBC Universal businesses. Since our incorporation in 1892, we have developed or acquired new technologies and services that have broadened and changed considerably the scope of our activities.

In virtually all of our global business activities, we encounter aggressive and able competition. In many instances, the competitive climate is characterized by changing technology that requires continuing research and development. With respect to manufacturing operations, we believe that, in general, we are one of the leading firms in most of the major industries in which we participate. The NBC Television Network, which became part of the media entity referred to above as of January 28, 2011, is a major U.S. commercial broadcast television network. NBC Universal also competes with other film and television programming producers and distributors, cable/satellite television networks and theme park operators. The businesses in which our financial services segment engages are subject to competition from various types of financial institutions, including commercial banks, thrifts, investment banks, broker-dealers, credit unions, leasing companies, consumer loan companies, independent finance companies and finance companies associated with manufacturers.

GE's address is 3135 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield, Connecticut 06828-0001. GE is incorporated in New York.

The Offering

The issuer	General Electric Company, a New York company.
Securities offered	\$ % Notes due 20 \$ % Notes due 20 \$ % Notes due 20
Original issue date	October , 2012.
Maturity date	The % Notes due 20 will mature on , 20 . The % Notes due 20 will mature on , 20 . The % Notes due 20 will mature on , 20 .
Interest payment dates	Interest on the notes will be paid semiannually on and of each year, beginning on , 2013, and on the maturity date.
Interest rate	% per annum for the % Notes due 20 . % per annum for the % Notes due 20 . % per annum for the % Notes due 20 .
Use of proceeds	We intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the notes to repay debt, including all or a portion of our \$5 billion in aggregate principal amount 5% Notes due 2013, and for general corporate purposes. If for any reason we do not use the net proceeds from the sale of the notes to repay our 5% Notes due 2013, we will use such net proceeds for general corporate purposes.
Redemption	We may redeem the notes of each series at any time and from time to time, as a whole or in part, at our option, at the applicable redemption prices described under the heading Description of Notes Optional Redemption in this prospectus supplement.
Ranking	The notes will be unsecured obligations of ours and will rank equally with our other unsecured debt securities that are not subordinated obligations.
Denominations	The notes will be issued in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.
Form of notes	Book-entry form, represented by one or more global notes deposited with or on behalf of The Depository Trust Company, or DTC.
Trustee	The Bank of New York Mellon.
Risk factors	Investing in the notes involves risks. See Risk Factors for more information.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in the notes 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 year ended December 31, 2011 (which Risk Factors are incorporated by reference herein), as well as the other information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before making a decision to invest in our notes. See "Where You Can Find More Information" above.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that the net proceeds from the sale of the notes will be approximately \$ billion after deducting the underwriting discount and our estimated expenses of this offering. We intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the notes to repay debt, including all or a portion of our \$5 billion aggregate principal amount 5% Notes due 2013, and for general corporate purposes. If for any reason we do not use the net proceeds from the sale of the notes to repay the 5% Notes due 2013, we will use such net proceeds for general corporate purposes. Pending such use of the net proceeds, we may invest the proceeds in highly liquid short-term securities.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

Set forth below is our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the six months ended June 30, 2012 and for each year in the five-year period ended December 31, 2011.

Six months ended June 30, 2012	Year ended December 31,				
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
2.07x	2.25x	1.84x	1.52x	1.79x	2.18x

In the above calculations, earnings for all periods consist of earnings before income taxes, noncontrolling interests, discontinued operations and undistributed earnings of equity investees. Earnings are also adjusted to add amounts charged to consolidated expenses of GE and its consolidated affiliates during the period for interest and other financial charges (including interest on tax deficiencies) and an amount representative of the interest factor in rentals (for this purpose, the interest factor is assumed to be one-third of rental expense). Fixed charges consist of all interest and other financial charges, including capitalized interest, and one-third of rental expense for companies included in the consolidated group.

DESCRIPTION OF NOTES

The following description of the particular terms of the notes offered by this prospectus supplement supplements the description of the general terms and provisions of the debt securities in the accompanying prospectus.

General

The notes are to be issued under the senior note indenture and officers' certificate, dated as of October 1, 2012, between us and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, which is more fully described in the accompanying prospectus. The notes will be issued in three series. We will initially issue a total of \$ aggregate principal amount of % Notes due 2013 that will mature on 10/1/2013 (the 2013 notes), \$ aggregate principal amount of % Notes due 2014 that will mature on 10/1/2014 (the 2014 notes) and \$ aggregate principal amount of % Notes due 2015 that will mature on 10/1/2015 (the 2015 notes). We refer to the 2013 notes, the 2014 notes and the 2015 notes collectively as the notes.

We may reopen these series of notes and issue additional notes of these series without the consent of the holders of the notes; provided that, if such additional notes are not fungible for U.S. federal income tax purposes with the notes offered hereby, such additional notes will have a different CUSIP. The notes are unsecured and will rank equally with our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The following description of the terms of the notes supplements, and to the extent inconsistent therewith replaces, the description of the general terms and provisions of the debt securities set forth in the accompanying prospectus.

The notes will be issued only in fully registered, book-entry form, in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 thereof.

Interest and Principal

The notes will bear interest from October 1, 2012 at the annual rates stated on the cover of this prospectus supplement. We will pay interest on the notes semiannually on 4/1 and 10/1 of each year and on the maturity date (each, an interest payment date), beginning on 10/1/2013, to the persons in whose names the notes are registered at the close of business on the 1st and 15th of each month, as the case may be (in each case, whether or not a business day) immediately preceding the related interest payment date; provided, however, that interest payable on the maturity date or any redemption date shall be payable to the person to whom the principal of such notes shall be payable. Interest on the notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

We will pay the principal and premium, if any, of and interest on each note to the registered holder in immediately available funds upon presentation of the notes if in certificated form at the office or agency we maintain for this purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, currently the corporate trust office of the trustee located at 101 Barclay Street, Floor 8W, New York, New York 10286, in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; provided, however, that payment of interest may be made at our option by check mailed to the address of the person entitled to the payment as it appears on the security register of the related series or by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the place and account designated in writing by the person entitled to the payment as specified in such security register of such series at least fifteen days prior to the interest payment date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, so long as the notes are in book-entry form, we will make payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest through the trustee to The Depository Trust Company.

Interest payable on any interest payment date, redemption date or maturity date shall be the amount of interest accrued from, and including, the next 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 applicable series of notes) to, but excluding, such interest payment date, redemption date or maturity date, as the case may be. If

any interest payment date falls on a day that is not a business day, the interest payment will be made on the next succeeding day that is a business day, but no additional interest will accrue as a result of the delay in payment. If the maturity date or any redemption date of the notes falls on a day that is not a business day, the related payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest will be made on the next succeeding business day as if it 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 next succeeding business day.

By business day we mean a weekday which is not a day on which banking institutions in the place of payment are authorized or required by law or regulation to close.

Optional Redemption

The notes of each series will be redeemable at any time and from time to time, as a whole or in part, at our option, on at least 30 days , but not more than 60 days , prior notice mailed to the registered address of each holder of the notes to be redeemed, at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

100% of the
principal
amount of
the notes to
be
redeemed;
and

the sum of
the present
values of the
remaining
scheduled
payments of
interest and
principal
thereon
(exclusive of
interest
accrued and
unpaid to,
but not
including,
the date of
redemption)
discounted
to the date
of
redemption
on a
semiannual
basis,
assuming a
360-day

year
consisting of
twelve 30-
day months,
at the
Treasury
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basis points
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the Treasury
Rate plus
basis points
in the case
of the
Notes;

plus, in
either case,
accrued and
unpaid
interest to,
but not
including,
the date of
redemption.

Treasury Rate means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per annum equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity of the applicable Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for such Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the applicable Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

Comparable Treasury Issue means the United States Treasury security selected by an Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term of the notes to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of a comparable maturity to the remaining term of such notes.

Comparable Treasury Price means, with respect to any redemption date, (A) the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (B) if the Independent Investment Banker obtains fewer than four such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations.

Independent Investment Banker means one of the Reference Treasury Dealers appointed by us.

Reference Treasury Dealer means each of Barclays Capital Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC or their respective affiliates, which are primary U.S. Government securities dealers in The City of New York (a Primary Treasury Dealer), and their respective successors plus three other Primary Treasury Dealers selected by us; provided, however, that if any of the foregoing or their affiliates ceases to be a Primary Treasury Dealer, we will substitute therefor another Primary Treasury Dealer.

Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Independent Investment Banker, of the bid and asked prices for the applicable Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Independent Investment Banker by the Reference Treasury Dealers at 3:30 p.m. New York time on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

On and after the redemption date for the notes of a series, interest will cease to accrue on the notes of such series or any portion thereof called for redemption, unless we default in the payment of the redemption price. On or before the redemption date for the notes of a series, we will deposit with a paying agent, or the trustee, funds sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued and unpaid interest on such notes to be redeemed on such date. If less than all of the notes of a series are to be redeemed, the notes to be redeemed will be selected by the trustee by such method as the trustee deems fair and appropriate.

Book-Entry and Settlement

The notes will be issued in the form of one or more fully registered global notes in book-entry form, which will be deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company (DTC) and registered in the name of DTC 's nominee, Cede & Co. Except as set forth below, the global notes may be transferred by DTC, in whole and not in part, only to a nominee of DTC or by a nominee of DTC to DTC or another nominee of DTC or by DTC or any such nominee to a successor of DTC or a nominee of such successor.

Investors may elect to hold beneficial interests in the global notes through either DTC, in the United States, Clearstream Banking, société anonyme (Clearstream), and Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (Euroclear) if they are participants in these systems, or indirectly through organizations which are participants in these systems.

So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of a global note, DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole holder of the notes represented by such global notes for all purposes under the indenture and the beneficial owners of the notes will be entitled only to those rights and benefits afforded to them in accordance with DTC 's regular operating procedures. Upon specified written instructions of a participant in DTC, DTC will have its nominee assist participants in the exercise of certain holders ' rights, such as demand for acceleration of maturity or an instruction to the Trustee.

Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in a global note will not be entitled to have notes registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of notes in certificated form and will not be considered the registered owners or holders thereof under the indenture. If DTC is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as depository, defaults in the performance of its duties or if at any time DTC ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and a successor depository is not appointed by us within 90 days, or if we determine, subject to DTC 's procedures, that we will issue securities registered in the name of beneficial holders thereof, we will issue individual notes in certificated form of the same series and like tenor and in the applicable principal amount in exchange for the notes represented by the global note. In any such instance, an owner of a beneficial interest in a global note will be entitled to physical delivery of individual notes in certificated form of the same series and like tenor, equal in principal amount to such beneficial interest and to have the notes in certificated form registered in its name. Notes so issued in certificated form will be issued in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof and will be issued in registered form only, without coupons.

The following is based on information furnished by DTC:

DTC will act as securities depository for the notes. The notes will be issued as fully registered notes 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.

DTC, the world 's largest depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a clearing agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC 's direct participants deposit with DTC.

DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among direct participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers

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and pledges between direct participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a direct participant, either directly or indirectly. The DTC rules applicable to its participants are on file with the SEC. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of the notes under the DTC system must be made by or through direct participants, which will receive a credit for the notes on DTC's records. The beneficial interest of each actual purchaser of each note is in turn to be recorded on the direct and indirect participants' records. Beneficial owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the direct or indirect participant through which the beneficial owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of beneficial interests in the notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of direct and indirect participants acting on behalf of beneficial owners. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their beneficial interests in notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the notes is discontinued. The laws of some states require that certain persons take physical delivery in definitive form of securities which they own. Such limits and such laws may impair the ability of such persons to own, transfer or pledge beneficial interests in a global note.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all notes deposited by direct participants with DTC will be registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co. or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of the notes with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the notes; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the direct participants to whose accounts the notes will be credited, which may or may not be the beneficial owners. The direct and indirect participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to direct participants, by direct participants to indirect participants, and by direct participants and indirect participants to beneficial owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial owners of the notes may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the notes, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults and proposed amendments to the note documents. For example, beneficial owners of the notes may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the notes for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to beneficial owners. In the alternative, beneficial owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar of the notes and request that copies of the notices be provided to them directly. Any such request may or may not be successful. Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the notes within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each direct participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the notes unless authorized by a direct participant in accordance with DTC's procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to us as soon as possible after the regular record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those direct participants to whose accounts the notes are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

We will pay principal of and interest on the notes in same-day funds to the Trustee and the Trustee is required to pay such amounts to DTC, or such other nominee as may be requested by an

authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit direct participants' accounts on the applicable payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information. Payments by participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in street name, and will be the responsibility of these participants and not of us, the Trustee, DTC or any other party, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements that may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC, is the responsibility of us or the Trustee, disbursement of such payments to direct participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the beneficial owners is the responsibility of the direct or indirect participants.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we take no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

Clearstream and Euroclear will hold interests on behalf of their participants through customers' securities accounts in Clearstream's and Euroclear's names on the books of their respective depositories, which in turn will hold interests in customers' securities accounts in the depositories' names on the books of DTC. At the present time, Citibank, N.A. acts as U.S. depository for Clearstream and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. acts as U.S. depository for Euroclear (together, the U.S. Depositories). Beneficial interests in the global notes will be held in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 thereof.

Clearstream holds securities for its participating organizations (Clearstream Participants) and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between Clearstream Participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of Clearstream Participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates. Clearstream provides to Clearstream Participants, among other things, services for safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Clearstream interfaces with domestic markets in several countries.

Clearstream is registered as a bank in Luxembourg, and as such is subject to regulation by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier and the Banque Centrale du Luxembourg, which supervise and oversee the activities of Luxembourg banks. Clearstream Participants are world-wide financial institutions including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations, and may include the underwriters or their affiliates. Indirect access to Clearstream is available to other institutions that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Clearstream Participant. Clearstream has established an electronic bridge with Euroclear as the operator of the Euroclear System (the Euroclear Operator) in Brussels to facilitate settlement of trades between Clearstream and the Euroclear Operator.

Distributions with respect to the notes held beneficially through Clearstream will be credited to cash accounts of Clearstream Participants in accordance with its rules and procedures, to the extent received by the U.S. Depository for Clearstream.

Euroclear holds securities and book-entry interests in securities for participating organizations (Euroclear Participants) and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between Euroclear Participants, and between Euroclear Participants and participants of certain other securities intermediaries through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of such participants or other securities intermediaries. Euroclear provides Euroclear Participants, among other things, with safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement, securities lending and borrowing, and related services. Euroclear Participants are investment banks, securities brokers and dealers, banks, central banks, supranationals, custodians, investment managers, corporations, trust companies and certain other organizations, and may include the underwriters or their affiliates. Non-participants in Euroclear may hold and transfer beneficial interests in a global note through accounts with a Euroclear Participant or any other securities intermediary that holds a book-entry interest in a global note through one or more securities intermediaries standing between such other

securities intermediary and Euroclear.

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Securities clearance accounts and cash accounts with the Euroclear Operator are governed by the Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear and the related Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System, and applicable Belgian law (collectively, the Terms and Conditions). The Terms and Conditions govern transfers of securities and cash within Euroclear, withdrawals of securities and cash from Euroclear and receipts of payments with respect to securities in Euroclear. All securities in Euroclear are held on a fungible basis without attribution of specific certificates to specific securities clearance accounts. The Euroclear Operator acts under the Terms and Conditions only on behalf of Euroclear Participants, and has no record of or relationship with persons holding through Euroclear Participants.

Distributions with respect to notes held beneficially through Euroclear will be credited to the cash accounts of Euroclear Participants in accordance with the Terms and Conditions, to the extent received by the U.S. Depository for Euroclear.

Transfers between Euroclear Participants and Clearstream Participants will be effected in the ordinary way in accordance with their respective rules and operating procedures.

Cross-market transfers between DTC's participating organizations (DTC Participants), on the one hand, and Euroclear Participants or Clearstream Participants, on the other hand, will be effected through DTC in accordance with DTC's rules on behalf of Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, by its U.S. Depository; however, such cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, by the counterparty in such system in accordance with the rules and procedures and within the established deadlines (European time) of such system. Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to its U.S. Depository to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving interests in the global note in DTC, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for same-day fund settlement applicable to DTC. Euroclear Participants and Clearstream Participants may not deliver instructions directly to their respective U.S. Depositaries.

Due to time zone differences, the securities accounts of a Euroclear Participant or Clearstream Participant purchasing an interest in a global note from a DTC Participant in DTC will be credited, and any such crediting will be reported to the relevant Euroclear Participant or Clearstream Participant, during the securities settlement processing day (which must be a business day for Euroclear or Clearstream) immediately following the settlement date of DTC. Cash received in Euroclear or Clearstream as a result of sales of interests in a global note by or through a Euroclear Participant or Clearstream Participant to a DTC Participant will be received with value on the settlement date of DTC but will be available in the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream cash account only as of the business day for Euroclear or Clearstream following DTC's settlement date.

The information in this section concerning Euroclear and Clearstream and their book-entry systems has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we take no responsibility for the accuracy of that information.

None of GE, the underwriters or the trustee will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of the beneficial interests in a global note, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial interests.

The Trustee, Paying Agent and Security Registrar

The Bank of New York Mellon will be the trustee, paying agent and security registrar with respect to the notes and maintains various commercial and investment banking relationships with us and with affiliates of ours. It is also the trustee under our Senior Note Indenture, dated as of January 1, 2003 and our Indenture dated December 1, 2005. The Bank of New York Mellon also acts as trustee under certain indentures with our affiliate GECC as described under Description of Debt Securities-Regarding the Trustee in the accompanying prospectus.

UNITED STATES TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following discussion summarizes certain material U.S. federal income and estate tax considerations that may be relevant to you if you invest in the notes. The discussion applies only to holders that hold notes as capital assets. Except as discussed under **Non-U.S. Holders** and **Information Reporting and Backup Withholding**, the discussion generally applies only to holders of notes that are U.S. holders. You will be a U.S. holder if you are an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States, a U.S. domestic corporation, or any other person that is subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis in respect of an investment in the notes. This summary does not address considerations that may be relevant to you if you are an investor that is subject to special tax rules, such as a bank, thrift, real estate investment trust, regulated investment company, insurance company, dealer in securities or currencies, trader in securities or commodities that elects mark to market treatment, person that will hold notes as a position in a straddle, conversion or other integrated transaction, tax-exempt organization, partnership or other entity classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, certain former citizens and residents, or a person whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar.

This summary is based on laws, rulings and decisions now in effect, and final, temporary and proposed Treasury regulations, all of which may change. Any change could apply retroactively and could affect the continued validity of this summary.

You should consult your tax adviser about the tax consequences of purchasing or holding notes, including the relevance to your particular situation of the considerations discussed below, as well as the relevance to your particular situation of state, local or other tax laws.

Payments or Accruals of Interest

It is anticipated that the notes will not be issued with original issue discount for U.S. federal income tax purposes and the remainder of this discussion so assumes. Accordingly, payments or accruals of stated interest on a note will be taxable to you as ordinary interest income at the time that you receive or accrue such amounts (in accordance with your regular method of tax accounting).

Purchase, Sale and Retirement of Notes

When you sell or exchange a note, or if a note that you hold is retired, you generally will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount you realize on the transaction (less any accrued interest, which will be subject to tax in the manner described above under **Payments or Accruals of Interest**) and your adjusted tax basis in the note. Your adjusted tax basis in a note generally will equal the cost of the note to you, increased by any amounts that you are required to include in income under the rules governing market discount, and decreased by the amount of any amortized premium on the note. (The rules for determining these amounts are discussed below.)

Except as discussed below with respect to market discount, the gain or loss that you recognize on the sale, exchange or retirement of a note generally will be capital gain or loss. The gain or loss on the sale, exchange or retirement of a note will be long-term capital gain or loss if you have held the note for more than one year on the date of disposition. Net long-term capital gain recognized by an individual U.S. holder generally will be subject to tax at a lower rate than net short-term capital gain or ordinary income. The ability of U.S. holders to offset capital losses against ordinary income is limited.

Premium

If you purchase a note at a cost greater than the note's stated principal amount, you will be considered to have purchased the note at a premium, and you may elect to amortize the premium as an offset to interest income, using a constant-yield method, over the remaining term of the note. If you make the election to amortize the premium, it

generally will apply to all debt instruments that you hold at the time of the election, as well as any debt instruments that you subsequently acquire.

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In addition, you may not revoke the election without the consent of the Internal Revenue Service. If you elect to amortize the premium, you will be required to reduce your tax basis in the note by the amount of the premium amortized during your holding period. If you do not elect to amortize premium, the amount of premium will be included in your tax basis in the note. Therefore, if you do not elect to amortize premium and you hold the note to maturity, you generally will be required to treat the premium as a capital loss when the note matures.

Market Discount

If you purchase a note at a price that is lower than the note's stated principal amount by 0.25% or more of the stated principal amount multiplied by the number of remaining whole years to maturity, the note will be considered to bear market discount in an amount equal to such difference in your hands. In this case, any principal payments on, or any gain that you realize on the disposition of, the note generally will be treated as ordinary interest income to the extent of the market discount that accrued on the note during your holding period. In addition, you may be required to defer the deduction of all or a portion of the interest paid on any indebtedness that you incurred or continued to purchase or carry the note. In general, market discount will be treated as accruing ratably, or, at your election, under a constant-yield method, over the remaining term of the note.

You may elect to include market discount in gross income currently as it accrues (on either a ratable or constant-yield basis), in lieu of treating a portion of any gain realized on a sale of the note as ordinary income. If you elect to include market discount on a current basis, the interest deduction deferral rule described above will not apply. If you do make such an election, it will apply to all market discount debt instruments that you acquire on or after the first day of the first taxable year to which the election applies. The election may not be revoked without the consent of the Internal Revenue Service.

Non-U.S. Holders

If you are a non-resident alien individual or a foreign corporation (a non-U.S. holder), the interest income that you derive in respect of the notes generally will be exempt from U.S. federal withholding tax. This exemption will apply to you provided that

you do not
actually or
constructively
own 10
percent or
more of the
combined
voting power
of all classes
of our stock
and you are
not a
controlled
foreign
corporation
that is related,
directly or
indirectly, to
us through
stock

ownership,
and

the beneficial
owner of the
notes provides
a statement
(generally, an
Internal
Revenue
Service Form
W-8BEN or
other
applicable
Form W-8)
signed under
penalties of
perjury that
includes its
name and
address and
certifies that it
is a non-U.S.
person in
compliance
with
applicable
requirements
(or satisfies
certain
documentary
evidence
requirements
for
establishing
that it is a
non-U.S.
person).

If you are a non-U.S. holder, any gain you realize on a sale, exchange or other disposition of notes generally will be exempt from U.S. federal income tax, including withholding tax. This exemption will not apply to you if your gain is effectively connected with your conduct of a trade or business in the United States or you are an individual holder and are present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the disposition and either your gain is attributable to an office or other fixed place of business that you maintain in the United States or you have a tax home in the United States.

In addition, under proposed regulations issued in February 2012, payments of interest on the notes, and the gross proceeds from the disposition of notes, would be exempt from the documentation and reporting requirements and potential withholding tax imposed by the Foreign Account Tax Compliance (FATCA) provisions of the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act of 2010. If these proposed regulations are not adopted in the form proposed, such requirements and tax may apply to the notes, but would apply only to payments of interest after December 31, 2013 and to payments of gross proceeds after December 31, 2014.

U.S. federal estate tax will not apply to a note held by an estate if at the time of death the decedent was not a citizen or resident of the United States, did not actually or constructively own 10 percent or more of the combined voting power of all classes of our stock and payments of interest on the note would not have been effectively connected with the conduct by the decedent of a trade or business in the United States.

For purposes of applying the rules described under this heading **Non-U.S. Holders** to a partnership or other entity that is treated as fiscally transparent for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the beneficial owner means each of the ultimate beneficial owners of the entity.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Persons making payments on the notes must file information returns with the Internal Revenue Service in connection with payments made to certain U.S. holders. If you are a U.S. holder, you generally will not be subject to U.S. backup withholding on such payments if you provide your taxpayer identification number to the payor and make certain other required certifications, or are otherwise exempt from backup withholding. If you are a non-U.S. holder, you may have to comply with certification procedures to establish your non-U.S. status in order to avoid information reporting and backup withholding requirements. The certification procedures required to claim the exemption from withholding tax on interest income described above will satisfy these requirements. The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to a holder may be allowed as a credit against the holder's U.S. federal income tax liability and may entitle the holder to a refund, provided that the required information is furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

UNDERWRITING

Under the terms and subject to the conditions contained in an underwriting agreement dated October , 2012, we have agreed to sell to the underwriters named below, for whom Barclays Capital Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC are acting as representatives, the following respective principal amounts of the notes:

Underwriter	Principal Amount of 20 Notes	Principal Amount of 20 Notes	Principal Amount of 20 Notes
Barclays Capital Inc.	\$	\$	\$
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.			
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.			
Goldman, Sachs & Co.			
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC			
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC			
Total	\$	\$	\$

The underwriting agreement provides that the underwriters are obligated to purchase all of the notes if any are purchased. The underwriting agreement also provides that if an underwriter defaults, the purchase commitments of non-defaulting underwriters may be increased or the offering of notes may be terminated.

The underwriters propose to offer the notes initially at the public offering price on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and may offer the notes to other dealers at that price, in the case of the 20 notes, less a selling concession of % of the principal amount per note, in the case of the 20 notes, less a selling concession of % of the principal amount per note and in the case of the 20 notes, less a selling concession of % of the principal amount per note. The underwriters and other dealers may allow a discount of, in the case of the 20 notes, %, in the case of the 20 notes, % and in the case of the 20 notes, % of the principal amount per note on sales to other brokers or dealers. After the initial public offering, the underwriters may change the public offering price, selling concession and discount to brokers and dealers.

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

The underwriters are offering the notes, subject to prior sale, when, as and if issued to and accepted by them, subject to approval of legal matters by their counsel, including the validity of the notes, and other conditions contained in the underwriting agreement, such as the receipt by the underwriters of an officers' certificate and legal opinions. The underwriters reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify offers to the public and to reject orders in whole or in part.

The expenses of the offering, not including the underwriting discount, are estimated to be \$ and are payable by us.

New Issue of Notes

The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. We do not intend to apply for listing of the notes on any national securities exchange or for quotation of the notes on any automated dealer quotation system. We have been advised by the underwriters that they presently intend to make a market in the notes after completion of the offering. However, they are under no obligation to do so and may discontinue any market-making activities at any time without any notice. We cannot assure the liquidity of the trading market for the notes or that an active public market for the notes will develop. If an active public trading market for the notes does not develop, the market price and liquidity of the notes may be adversely affected.

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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 notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Prospectus to the public in that Relevant Member State except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such notes to the public in the Relevant Member State:

- (a) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (b) at any time 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 our representatives for any such offer; or
- (c)

at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, provided that no such offer of notes referred to in (a) through (c) above shall require us 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.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression "an offer of notes to the public" in relation to any 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 notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the 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.

United Kingdom

Each underwriter has represented and agreed that:

- (a) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or

inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the FSMA)) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to us and

- (b) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

Hong Kong

The notes may not be offered or sold by means of any document other than: (i) in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong), or (ii) to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder, or (iii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a prospectus within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong), and no advertisement, invitation or document relating to the notes may be issued or may be in the possession of any person for the purpose of issue (in each case whether in Hong Kong or

elsewhere), which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder.

Japan

The notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities and Exchange Law of Japan (the Securities and Exchange Law) and each underwriter has agreed that it will not offer or sell any notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Securities and Exchange Law and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

Singapore

This prospectus supplement has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus supplement and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the notes may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the notes be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than: (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the SFA), (ii) to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA, or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 by a relevant person which is:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an

accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an accredited investor, shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries rights and interest in that trust shall not be transferable for six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the notes under Section 275 except: (1) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275

of the SFA;
(2) where no
consideration
is given for
the transfer;
or (3) by
operation of
law.

Price Stabilization and Short Positions

In connection with the offering, the underwriters are permitted to engage in transactions that stabilize the market price of the notes. Such transactions consist of bids or purchases to peg, fix or maintain the price of the notes. If an underwriter creates a short position in the notes in connection with the offering, i.e., if it sells more notes than are on the cover page of this prospectus supplement, the underwriter may reduce that short position by purchasing notes in the open market. Purchases of a security to stabilize the price 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.

Neither we nor the underwriters make 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 notes. In addition, neither we nor the underwriters make any representation that the underwriters will engage

in these transactions or that these transactions, once commenced, will not be discontinued without notice.

T+5 Settlement

We expect that delivery of the notes will be made against payment thereof on or about the closing date specified on the cover page of this prospectus supplement, which will be the fifth business day following the date of pricing of the notes (this settlement cycle being referred to as T+5). Under Rule 15c6-1 under the Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to that trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade on the date of the pricing or the next succeeding business day will be required, by virtue of the fact that the notes initially will settle in T+5, to specify an alternative settlement cycle at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement and should consult their own advisor.

Other Relationships

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include sales and trading, commercial and investment banking, advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, market making, brokerage and other financial and non-financial activities and services. Certain of the underwriters and their respective affiliates have provided, and may in the future provide, a variety of these services to us and to persons and entities with relationships with us, for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses. As certain of the underwriters or their affiliates own a portion of our 5% Notes due 2013, they may receive a portion of the proceeds from this offering.

In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and their respective affiliates, officers, directors and employees may purchase, sell or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade securities, derivatives, loans, commodities, currencies, credit default swaps and other financial instruments for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and trading activities may involve or relate to our assets, securities and/or instruments (directly, as collateral securing other obligations or otherwise) and/or persons and entities with relationships with us. The underwriters and their respective affiliates may also communicate independent investment recommendations, market color or trading ideas and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such assets, securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they should acquire, long and/or short positions in such assets, securities and instruments. In particular, affiliates of each of the underwriters are lenders under a credit facility of NBC Universal, Inc., which is an affiliate of ours.

VALIDITY OF THE NOTES

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, New York, New York will provide opinions regarding the authorization and validity of the notes for us. Certain tax matters relating to the notes will be passed upon by Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, New York, New York. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the underwriters by Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, New York, New York.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of GE as of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2011, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) as of December 31, 2011 have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements of GE, in 2010, GE changed its method of accounting for consolidation of variable interest entities; in 2009, changed its method of accounting for impairment of debt securities, business combinations and noncontrolling interests.

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PROSPECTUS

General Electric Company

**Debt Securities
Preferred Stock
Common Stock
Warrants to Purchase Securities
Delayed Delivery Contracts
Guarantees**

We may offer from time to time:

senior or
subordinated
debt
securities,

shares of our
preferred
stock, par
value \$1.00
per share,

shares of our
common
stock, par
value \$0.06
per share,

warrants to
purchase any
of the other
securities
that may be
sold under
this
prospectus,

delayed
delivery
contracts for
the purchase
or sale of
certain
specified
securities,
and

senior or
subordinated
guarantees.

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

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol GE.

The mailing address of our principal executive offices is 3135 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield, Connecticut 06828. Our telephone number is 203-373-2211.

Investing in our securities involves risk. See Risk Factors on page 5 of this prospectus.

These securities have not been approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission 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, through agents, dealers or underwriters as designated from time to time, or through a combination of these methods. We reserve the sole right to accept, and together with any agents, dealers and underwriters, reserve the right to reject, in whole or in part, any proposed purchase of securities. 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. Our net proceeds from the sale of securities also will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Prospectus dated December 8, 2011.

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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**.

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**.

We have not authorized anyone to provide any information other than that contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or in any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of us or to which we have referred you. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. 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 GE, we, us and our refer to General Electric Company and its subsidiaries.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public from the SEC's web site 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. Our common stock is listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE). You may also inspect the information we file with the SEC at the NYSE's offices at 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005. Information about us, including our SEC filings, is also available at our Internet site at <http://www.ge.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 that 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 in documents 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 may make with the SEC under Sections 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:

The Annual
Report on
Form 10-K
for the fiscal
year ended
December
31, 2010 that
we filed with
the SEC on
February 25,
2011;

The
Quarterly
Reports on
Form 10-Q
for the
quarters
ended March
31, 2011,
June 30,
2011 and
September
30, 2011 that
we filed with
the SEC on
May 6, 2011,
July 29, 2011
and

November 7,
2011,
respectively;

The Current
Reports on
Form 8-K
that we filed
with the SEC
on January
31, 2011,
February 14,
2011, May 2,
2011 and
September
13, 2011;
and

The
description
of our
common
stock
contained in
our
Registration
Statement on
Form 8-A
filed
pursuant to
Section 12(b)
of the
Securities
Exchange
Act of 1934
including
any
amendment
or report
updating
such
description.

You may request a copy of any or all of the documents referred to above which may have been or may be incorporated by reference into this prospectus (excluding certain exhibits to the documents) at no cost to you by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

General Electric Company
3135 Easton Turnpike
Fairfield, Connecticut 06828
Attn: Investor Communications
(203) 373-2211

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document contains forward-looking statements that is, statements related to future, not past, events. In this context, forward-looking statements often address our expected future business and financial performance and financial condition, and often contain words such as expect, anticipate, intend, plan, believe, seek, see, or Forward-looking statements by their nature address 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 General Electric Capital Corporation's (GECC) funding and on our ability to reduce GECC's 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 (Grey Zone); potential financial implications from the Japanese natural disaster; our ability to maintain our current credit rating and the impact on our funding costs and competitive position if we do not do so; the adequacy of our cash flow and earnings and other conditions which may affect our ability to pay our quarterly dividend at the planned level; the level of demand and financial performance of the major industries we serve, including, without limitation, air and rail transportation, energy generation, 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; 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. We do not undertake to update our forward-looking statements.

THE COMPANY

GE is one of the largest and most diversified technology and financial services corporations in the world. With products and services ranging from aircraft engines, power generation, water processing and household appliances to medical imaging, business and consumer financing and industrial products, we serve customers in more than 100 countries and employ about 300,000 people worldwide. Prior to January 28, 2011, we also operated a media company, NBC Universal, Inc. Effective January 28, 2011, we hold a 49% interest in a media entity that includes the NBC Universal businesses. Since our incorporation in 1892, we have developed or acquired new technologies and services that have broadened and changed considerably the scope of our activities.

In virtually all of our global business activities, we encounter aggressive and able competition. In many instances, the competitive climate is characterized by changing technology that requires continuing research and development. With respect to manufacturing operations, we believe that, in general, we are one of the leading firms in most of the major industries in which we participate. The NBC Television Network, which became part of the media entity referred to above as of January 28, 2011, is a major U.S. commercial broadcast television network. NBC Universal also competes with other film and television programming producers and distributors, cable/satellite television networks and theme park operators. The businesses in which GE's subsidiary, General Electric Capital Services, Inc., engages are subject to competition from various types of financial institutions, including commercial banks, thrifts, investment banks, broker-dealers, credit unions, leasing companies, consumer loan companies, independent finance companies and finance companies associated with manufacturers.

GE's address is 1 River Road, Schenectady, New York 12345-6999; we also maintain executive offices at 3135 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield, Connecticut 06828-0001.

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 year ended December 31, 2010 and 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," above.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

Set forth below is our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and for each year in the five-year period ended December 31, 2010.

Nine months ended September 30, 2011	GE and consolidated affiliates Year ended December 31,				
	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
2.25x	1.84x	1.52x	1.79x	2.12x	2.29x

In the above calculations, earnings for all periods consist of earnings before income taxes, noncontrolling interests, discontinued operations and undistributed earnings of equity investees. Earnings are also adjusted to add amounts charged to consolidated expenses of GE and its consolidated affiliates during the period for interest and other financial charges (including interest on tax deficiencies) and an amount representative of the interest factor in rentals (for this purpose, the interest factor is assumed to be one-third of rental expense). Fixed charges consist of all interest and other financial charges, including capitalized interest, and one-third of rental expense for companies included in the consolidated group.

**RATIO OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES
AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS**

Set forth below is our ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and for each year in the five-year period ended December 31, 2010.

Nine months ended September 30, 2011	GE and consolidated affiliates Year ended December 31,				
	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
1.99x	1.80x	1.50x	1.78x	2.12x	2.29x

In the above calculations, earnings for all periods consist of earnings before income taxes, noncontrolling interests, discontinued operations and undistributed earnings of equity investees. Earnings are also adjusted to add amounts charged to consolidated expenses of GE and its consolidated affiliates during the period for interest and other financial charges (including interest on tax deficiencies), preferred stock dividend requirements and an amount representative of the interest factor in rentals (for this purpose, the interest factor is assumed to be one-third of rental expense). Fixed charges consist of all interest and other financial charges, including capitalized interest, and one-third of rental expense for companies included in the consolidated group.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, the net proceeds from the sale of the securities to which this prospectus relates will be used for general corporate purposes. General corporate purposes may include repayment of debt, acquisitions, additions to working capital, capital expenditures and investments in our subsidiaries. Net proceeds may be temporarily invested prior to use.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES THAT WE MAY SELL

We may offer and sell, at any time and from time to time:

our debt securities, in one or more series, which may be senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities;

shares of our preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share;

shares of our common stock, par value \$0.06 per share;

warrants to purchase any of the other securities that may be sold under this prospectus;

delayed delivery contracts for the purchase or sale of certain specified securities;

senior or subordinated guarantees;
or

any
combination
of these
securities.

The terms of any securities we offer will be determined at the time of sale. We may issue debt securities that are exchangeable for or convertible into common stock or any of the other securities that may be sold under this prospectus. When particular securities are offered, a supplement to this prospectus will be filed with the SEC, which will describe the terms of the offering and sale of the offered securities.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

General

The debt securities offered by this prospectus will be issued under one of two separate indentures between us and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee. We have filed the forms of indenture as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. The senior note indenture and the subordinated note indenture are sometimes referred to in this prospectus individually as an indenture and collectively as the indentures. The debt securities will be obligations of GE and will be either senior or subordinated debt. We have summarized selected provisions of the indentures and the debt securities below. This summary is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the indentures. References to section numbers in this prospectus, unless otherwise indicated, are references to section numbers of the applicable indenture. For purposes of this summary, the terms we, our, ours and us refer only to General Electric Company and not to any of its subsidiaries.

We may issue debt securities at any time and from time to time in one or more series under the indentures. The indentures give us the ability to reopen a previous issue of a series of debt securities and issue additional debt securities of the same series, subject to compliance with the applicable requirements set forth in the indentures. Neither indenture limits the amount of debt securities or other secured or unsecured debt which we or our subsidiaries may issue. We will describe the particular terms of each series of debt securities we offer in a supplement to this prospectus. If any particular terms of the debt securities described in a prospectus supplement differ from any of the terms described in this prospectus, then the terms described in the applicable prospectus supplement will supersede the terms described in this prospectus. The terms of our debt securities will include those set forth in the indentures and those made a part of the indentures by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. You should carefully read the summary below, the applicable prospectus supplement and the provisions of the indentures that may be important to you before investing in our debt securities.

Ranking

The senior debt securities offered by this prospectus will:

be general
obligations,

rank equally
with all other
unsubordinated
indebtedness of
GE (except to
the extent such
other
indebtedness is
secured by
collateral that
does not also
secure the
senior debt
securities
offered by this
prospectus),
and

with respect to the assets and earnings of our subsidiaries, effectively rank below all of the liabilities of our subsidiaries.

The subordinated debt securities offered by this prospectus will:

be general obligations,

rank subordinated and junior in right of payment, to the extent set forth in the subordinated note indenture, to all Senior Debt (as defined herein), and

with respect to the assets and earnings of our subsidiaries, effectively rank below all of 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, GE's rights and the rights of GE'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.

Subject to the exceptions, and subject to compliance with the applicable requirements set forth in the indentures, we may discharge our obligations under the indentures with respect to our debt securities as described below under Defeasance.

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 title of the
debt securities,

whether the
debt securities
will be senior
or
subordinated
debt,

any limit on
the total
principal
amount of the
debt securities,

the date or
dates on which
the principal of
the debt
securities will
be payable or
the method
used to
determine or
extend those
dates,

any interest
rate on the debt
securities, any
date from
which interest
will accrue,
any interest
payment dates
and regular
record dates
for interest
payments, or
the method
used to
determine any
of the
foregoing, and

the basis for calculating interest if other than a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months,

the place or places where payments on the debt securities will be payable, the debt securities may be presented for registration of transfer or exchange, and notices and demands to or upon us relating to the debt securities may be made, if other than the corporate trust office of the Trustee,

any provisions for redemption of the debt securities,

any provisions that would allow or obligate us to redeem or purchase the debt securities prior to their maturity pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provision or at the option of the holder,

the denominations in which we will issue the debt securities, if other than denominations of an integral multiple of \$1,000,

any provisions that would determine payments on the debt securities by reference to an index or a formula,

any foreign currency, currencies or currency units in which payments on the debt securities will be payable and the manner for determining the equivalent amount in \$U.S.,

any provisions for payments on the debt securities in one or more currencies or currency units other than those in which the debt securities are stated to be payable,

the portion of
the principal
amount of the
debt securities
that will be
payable if the
maturity of the
debt securities
is accelerated,
if other than
the entire
principal
amount,

if the principal
amount to be
paid at the
stated maturity
of the debt
securities is not
determinable
as of one or
more dates
prior to the
stated maturity,
the amount that
will be deemed
to be the
principal
amount as of
any such date
for any
purpose,

any variation
of the
defeasance and
covenant
defeasance
sections of the
indentures and
the manner in
which our
election to
defeas the
debt securities
will be
evidenced, if
other than by a
board
resolution,

whether we will issue the debt securities in the form of temporary or permanent global securities, the depositaries for the global securities, and provisions for exchanging or transferring the global securities,

whether the interest rate of the debt securities may be reset,

whether the stated maturity of the debt securities may be extended,

any deletion or addition to or change in the events of default for the debt securities and any change in the rights of the Trustee or the holders of the debt securities arising from an event of default including, among others, the right to declare the principal amount of the

debt securities
due and
payable,

any addition to
or change in
the covenants
in the
indentures,

any additions
or changes to
the indentures
necessary to
issue the debt
securities in
bearer form,
registrable or
not registrable
as to principal,
and with or
without
interest
coupons,

the
appointment
of any paying
agents for the
debt
securities, if
other than the
Trustee,

the terms of
any right to
convert or
exchange the
debt securities
into any other
securities or
property,

the terms and
conditions, if
any, pursuant
to which the
debt securities
of a series are
secured,

any restriction
or condition
on the
transferability
of the debt
securities,

in the case of
subordinated
debt
securities, any
subordination
provisions and
related
definitions
which may be
applicable in
addition to, or
in lieu of,
those
contained in
the
subordinated
note

indenture,

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

any other
terms of the
debt securities
consistent
with the
indentures.

(Section 301)

Any limit on the maximum total principal amount for any series of the debt securities may be increased by resolution of our board of directors. (Section 301). We may sell the debt securities, including original issue discount securities, at a substantial discount below their stated principal amount. If there are any special United States federal income tax considerations applicable to debt securities we sell at an original issue discount, we will describe them in the prospectus supplement. In addition, we will describe in the prospectus supplement any special United States federal income tax considerations and any other special considerations for any debt securities we sell which are denominated in a currency or currency unit other than \$U.S.

Form, Exchange and Transfer

We will issue the debt securities in registered form, without coupons. Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, we will only issue debt securities in denominations of integral multiples of \$1,000. (Section 302)

Holders generally will be able to exchange debt securities for other debt securities of the same series with the same total principal amount and the same terms but in different authorized denominations. (Section 305)

Holders may present debt securities for exchange or for registration of transfer at the office of the security registrar or at the office of any transfer agent we designate for that purpose. The security registrar or designated transfer agent will exchange or transfer the debt securities if it is satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request. We will not charge a service charge for any exchange or registration of transfer of debt securities. However, we and the security registrar may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable for the registration of transfer or exchange. Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, we will appoint the Trustee as security registrar. We will identify any transfer agent in addition to the security registrar in the prospectus supplement. (Section 305)

At any time we may:

designate
additional
transfer
agents,

rescind the
designation

of any
transfer
agent, or

approve a
change in
the office of
any transfer
agent.

However, we are required to maintain a transfer agent in each place of payment for the debt securities at all times.
(Sections 305 and 1002)

If we elect to redeem a series of debt securities, neither we nor the Trustee will be required:

to issue,
register the
transfer of
or exchange
any debt
securities of
that series
during the
period
beginning at
the opening
of business
15 days
before the
day we mail
the notice of
redemption
for the
series and
ending at
the close of
business on
the day the
notice is
mailed, or

to register
the transfer
or exchange
of any debt
security of
that series
so selected
for
redemption,
except for

any portion
not to be
redeemed.
(Section
305)

Payment and Paying Agents

Under the indentures, we will pay interest on the debt securities to the persons in whose names the debt securities are registered at the close of business on the regular record date for each interest payment. However, unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, we will pay the interest payable on the debt securities at their stated maturity to the persons to whom we pay the principal amount of the debt securities. The initial payment of interest on any series of debt securities issued between a regular record date and the related interest payment date will be payable in the manner provided by the terms of the series, which we will describe in the prospectus supplement. (Section 307)

Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, we will pay principal, premium, if any, and interest on the debt securities at the offices of the paying agents we designate. However, except in the case of a global security, we may pay interest:

by check
mailed to the
address of
the person
entitled to
the payment
as it appears
in the
security
register, or

by wire
transfer in
immediately
available
funds to the
place and
account
designated in
writing at
least fifteen
days prior to
the interest
payment
date by the
person
entitled to
the payment
as specified
in the
security
register.

We will designate the Trustee as the sole paying agent for the debt securities unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement. If we initially designate any other paying agents for a series of debt securities, we will identify them in the prospectus supplement. At any time, we may designate additional paying agents or rescind the designation of any paying agents. However, we are required to maintain a paying agent in each place of payment for the debt securities at all times. (Sections 307 and 1002)

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any paying agent in trust for the payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest on the debt securities that remains unclaimed for one year after the date the payments became due, may be repaid to us upon our request. After we have been repaid, holders entitled to those payments may only look to us for payment as our unsecured general creditors. The Trustee and any paying agents will not be liable for those payments after we have been repaid. (Section 1003)

Restrictive Covenants

We will describe any restrictive covenants for any series of debt securities in the prospectus supplement.

Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets

Under the indentures, we may not consolidate with or merge into, or convey, transfer or lease our properties and assets substantially as an entirety to, any person (as defined below), referred to as a successor person unless:

the successor
person
expressly
assumes our
obligations
with respect
to the debt
securities and
the
indentures,

immediately
after giving
effect to the
transaction,
no event of
default shall
have
occurred and
be continuing
(and, in the
case of
subordinated
debt
securities, no
default in the
performance
of or breach,
in any
material
respect, of
any covenant
or condition
under the
subordinated

debt
indenture
shall have
occurred and
be
continuing,
for which
notice of
such failure
or breach has
been given to
us and the
Trustee by
the holders of
at least 25%
in principal
amount of
the
outstanding
subordinated
debt
securities (a
covenant
event)), and
no event
which, after
notice or
lapse of time
or both,
would
become an
event of
default (or, in
the case of
subordinated
debt
securities, a
covenant
event), shall
have
occurred and
be
continuing,
and

we have
delivered to
the Trustee
the
certificates
and opinions

required
under the
respective
indenture.
(Section 801)

As used in the indentures, the term *person* means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, unincorporated organization, government or agency or political subdivision thereof.

Events of Default

Senior Debt Securities

Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, each of the following will be an event of default under the senior debt indenture with respect to any series of debt securities:

our failure to pay principal or premium, if any, on that series of debt securities when such principal or premium, if any, becomes due,

our failure to pay any interest on that series of debt securities for 30 days after such interest becomes due,

our failure to deposit any sinking fund payment for 30 days after such payment is due by the terms of that series of debt securities,

our failure to perform, or our breach, in any material respect, of any other covenant or warranty in the senior debt indenture with respect to that

series of debt securities, other than a covenant or warranty included in the senior debt indenture solely for the benefit of another series of debt securities, for 90 days after either the Trustee has given us or holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series have given us and the Trustee written notice of such failure to perform or breach in the manner required by the senior debt indenture,

specified events involving our bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, or

any other event of default we may provide for that series of debt securities,

provided, however, that no event described in the fourth bullet point above will be an event of default until an officer of the Trustee responsible for the administration of the senior debt indenture has actual knowledge of the event or until the Trustee receives written notice of the event at its corporate trust office. (Section 501)

An event of default under one series of debt securities does not necessarily constitute an event of default under any other series of debt securities. If an event of default for a series of debt securities occurs and is continuing, either the Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may declare the principal amount of all the debt securities of that series due and immediately payable by a notice in writing to us (and to the Trustee if given by the holders). Upon such declaration, we will be obligated to pay the principal amount of that series of debt securities.

The right described in the preceding paragraph does not apply if an event of default occurs as described in the sixth bullet point above which applies to all outstanding series of debt securities. If such an event of default occurs and is continuing, either the Trustee or holders of at least 25% in principal amount of all of the debt securities then outstanding, treated as one class, may declare the principal amount of all of the debt securities then outstanding to be due and payable immediately by a notice in writing to us (and to the Trustee if given by the holders). Upon such declaration, we will be obligated to pay the principal amount of the debt securities.

Subordinated Debt Securities

Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, each of the following will be an event of default under the subordinated debt indenture with respect to any series of debt securities:

our failure
to pay
principal
or
premium,
if any, on
that series
of debt
securities
when
such
principal
or
premium,
if any,
becomes
due,

our failure
to pay any
interest on
that series
of debt
securities
for 30
days after
such
interest
becomes
due,

our failure to
deposit any
sinking fund
payment for 30
days after such
payment is due
by the terms of
that series of
debt securities,

specified
events
involving our
bankruptcy,
insolvency or
reorganization,
or

any other event
of default we
may provide
for that series
of debt
securities.

(Section 501)

An event of default under one series of debt securities does not necessarily constitute an event of default under any other series of debt securities. If an event of default described in the fourth bullet point above for a series of debt securities occurs and is continuing, either the Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may declare the principal amount of all the debt securities of that series due and immediately payable by a notice in writing to us (and to the Trustee if given by the holders). Upon such declaration, we will be obligated to pay the principal amount of that series of debt securities.

Terms Applicable to all Debt Securities

After any declaration of acceleration of a series of debt securities, but before a judgment or decree for payment has been obtained, the event of default giving rise to the declaration of acceleration will, without further act, be deemed to have been waived, and such declaration and its consequences will, without further act, be deemed to have been rescinded and annulled if:

we have
paid or
deposited
with the
Trustee a
sum
sufficient
to pay:

all overdue
interest,

the principal
and
premium, if
any, due
otherwise
than by the
declaration
of
acceleration
and any
interest on
such
amounts,

any interest
on overdue
interest, to
the extent
legally
permitted,
and

all amounts
due to the
Trustee
under the
indentures,
and

all events of
default (or, in
the case of
the
subordinated
debt
securities, all
covenant
events) with
respect to
that series of
debt
securities,
other than the
nonpayment
of the
principal
which
became due

solely by
virtue of the
declaration
of
acceleration,
have been
cured or
waived.

(Section 502)

If an event of default (or, in the case of the subordinated debt securities, a covenant event) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee will generally have no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indentures at the request or direction of any of the holders, unless the holders offer reasonable indemnity to the Trustee. (Section 603). The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series will generally have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee for the debt securities of that series, provided that:

the direction
is not in
conflict with
any law or
the
indentures,

the Trustee
may take
any other
action it
deems
proper
which is not
inconsistent
with the
direction,
and

the Trustee
will
generally
have the
right to
decline to
follow the
direction if
an officer of
the Trustee
determines,
in good
faith, that
the
proceeding

would
involve the
Trustee in
personal
liability or
would
otherwise be
contrary to
applicable
law.
(Section
512)

A holder of a debt security of any series may only pursue a remedy under the indentures if:

the holder
gives the
Trustee
written
notice of a
continuing
event of
default (or, in
the case of
the
subordinated
debt
securities, a
covenant
event) for
that series,

holders of at
least 25% in
principal
amount of
the
outstanding
debt
securities of
that series
make a
written
request to the
Trustee to
institute
proceedings
with respect
to such event
of default
(or, in the

case of the
subordinated
debt
securities,
such
covenant
event),

the holders
offer
reasonable
indemnity to
the Trustee,

the Trustee
fails to
pursue that
remedy
within 60
days after
receipt of
the notice,
request and
offer of
indemnity,
and

during that
60-day
period, the
holders of a
majority in
principal
amount of
the debt
securities of
that series
do not give
the Trustee
a direction
inconsistent
with the
request.
(Section
507)

However, these limitations do not apply to a suit by a holder of a debt security demanding payment of the principal, premium, if any, or interest on a debt security on or after the date the payment is due. (Section 508)

We will be required to furnish to the Trustee annually a statement by some of our officers regarding our performance or observance of any of the terms of the indentures and specifying all of our known defaults, if any. (Section 1004)

Modification and Waiver

When authorized by a board resolution, we may enter into one or more supplemental indentures with the Trustee without the consent of the holders of the debt securities in order to:

evidence the
succession of
another
person to us,
or successive
successions,
and the

assumption of
our covenants,
agreements
and
obligations by
the successor,

add to our
covenants for
the benefit of
the holders of
any series of
debt securities
or to
surrender any
of our rights
or powers,

add any
additional
events of
default for
any series of
debt securities
for the benefit
of the holders
of any series
of debt
securities,

add to or
change any
provision of
the indentures
to the extent
necessary to
issue debt
securities in
bearer form or
uncertificated
form,

add to, change
or eliminate
any provision
of the
indentures
applying to
one or more
series of debt
securities,

provided that
if such action
adversely
affects the
interests of
any holder of
any series of
debt securities
in any
material
respect, such
addition,
change or
elimination
will become
effective with
respect to that
series only
when no such
security of
that series
remains
outstanding,

convey,
transfer,
assign,
mortgage or
pledge any
property to or
with the
Trustee or to
surrender any
right or power
conferred
upon us by
the
indentures,

establish the
forms or
terms of any
series of debt
securities,

provide for
uncertificated
securities in
addition to
certificated
securities,

evidence and
provide for
successor
Trustees and
to add to or
change any
provisions of
the indentures
to the extent
necessary to
appoint a
separate
Trustee or
Trustees for a
specific series
of debt
securities,

correct any
ambiguity,
defect or
inconsistency
under the
indentures,

make other
provisions
with respect
to matters or
questions
arising under
the
indentures,
provided that
such action
does not
adversely
affect the
interests of
the holders of
any series of
debt securities
in any
material
respect,

supplement
any
provisions of
the indentures

necessary to
defeasand
discharge any
series of debt
securities,
provided that
such action
does not
adversely
affect the
interests of
the holders of
any series of
debt securities
in any
material
respect,

comply with
the rules or
regulations of
any securities
exchange or
automated
quotation
system on
which any
debt securities
are listed or
traded,

add to, change
or eliminate
any
provisions of
the indentures
in accordance
with any
amendments
to the Trust
Indenture Act
of 1939,
provided that
such action
does not
adversely
affect the
rights or
interests of
any holder of
debt securities

in any
material
respect, or

provide
for the
payment
by us of
additional
amounts
in respect
of taxes
imposed
on certain
holders
and for the
treatment
of such
additional
amounts
as interest
and for all
matters
incidental
thereto.
(Section
901)

When authorized by a board resolution, we may enter into one or more supplemental indentures with the Trustee in order to add to, change or eliminate provisions of the indentures or to modify the rights of the holders of one or more series of debt securities under such indentures if we obtain the consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of all series affected by such supplemental indenture, treated as one class. However, without the consent of the holders of each outstanding debt security affected by the supplemental indenture, we may not enter into a supplemental indenture that:

except with
respect to the
reset of the
interest rate or
extension of
maturity
pursuant to
the terms of a
particular
series,
changes the
stated
maturity of
the principal
of, or any
installment of
principal of or
interest on,
any debt

security, or
reduces the
principal
amount of, or
any premium
or rate of
interest on,
any debt
security,

reduces the
amount of
principal of an
original issue
discount
security or
any other debt
security
payable upon
acceleration
of the
maturity
thereof,

changes the
place or
currency of
payment of
principal,
premium, if
any, or
interest,

impairs the
right to
institute suit
for the
enforcement
of any
payment on or
after such
payment
becomes due
for any
security,

reduces the
percentage in
principal
amount of
outstanding

debt securities
of any series,
the consent of
whose holders
is required for
modification
of the
indentures, for
waiver of
compliance
with certain
provisions of
the indentures
or for waiver
of certain
defaults of the
indentures,

makes certain
modifications
to the
provisions for
modification
of the
indentures
and for certain
waivers,
except to
increase the
principal
amount of
debt securities
necessary to
consent to any
such change
or to provide
that certain
other
provisions of
the indentures
cannot be
modified or
waived
without the
consent of the
holders of
each
outstanding
debt security
affected by
such change,

makes any change that adversely affects in any material respect the right to convert or exchange any convertible or exchangeable debt security or decreases the conversion or exchange rate or increases the conversion price of such debt security, unless such decrease or increase is permitted by the terms of such debt securities, or

changes the terms and conditions pursuant to which any series of debt securities are secured in a manner adverse to the holders of such debt securities in any material respect.

(Section 902)

In addition, the subordinated note indenture may not be amended without the consent of each holder of subordinated debt securities affected thereby to modify the subordination of the subordinated debt securities issued under that indenture in a manner adverse to the holders of the subordinated debt securities in any material respect.

Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may waive past defaults or noncompliance with restrictive provisions of the indentures. However, the consent of holders of each outstanding debt security of a series is required to:

waive any
default in
the payment
of principal,
premium, if
any, or
interest, or

waive any
covenants
and
provisions
of an
indenture
that may not
be amended
without the
consent of
the holder
of each
outstanding
debt
security of
the series
affected.
(Sections
513 and
1006)

In order to determine whether the holders of the requisite principal amount of the outstanding debt securities have taken an action under an indenture as of a specified date:

the principal amount of an original issue discount security that will be deemed to be outstanding will be the amount of the principal that would be due and payable as of that date upon acceleration of the maturity to that date,

if, as of that date, the principal amount payable at the stated maturity of a debt security is not determinable, for example, because it is based on an index, the principal amount of the debt security deemed to be outstanding as of that date will be an amount determined in the manner prescribed for the debt security,

the principal amount of a

debt security
denominated
in one or
more foreign
currencies or
currency units
that will be
deemed to be
outstanding
will be the
\$U.S.
equivalent,
determined as
of that date in
the manner
prescribed for
the debt
security, of
the principal
amount of the
debt security
or, in the case
of a debt
security
described in
the two
preceding
bullet points,
of the amount
described
above, and

debt securities
owned by us
or any other
obligor upon
the debt
securities or
any of our or
their affiliates
will be
disregarded
and deemed
not to be
outstanding.

An original issue discount security means a debt security issued under the indentures which provides for an amount less than the principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of maturity. Some debt securities, including those for the payment or redemption of which money has been deposited or set aside in trust for the holders, and those which have been legally defeased under the indentures, will not be deemed to be outstanding.

We will generally be entitled to set any day as a record date for determining the holders of outstanding debt securities of any series entitled to give or take any direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action under an indenture. In limited circumstances, the Trustee will be entitled to set a record date for action by holders of outstanding debt securities. If a record date is set for any action to be taken by holders of a particular series, the action may be taken only by persons who are holders of outstanding debt securities of that series on the record date. To be effective, the action must be taken by holders of the requisite principal amount of debt securities within a specified period following the record date. For any particular record date, this period will be 180 days or such shorter period as we may specify, or the Trustee may specify, if it sets the record date. This period may be shortened or lengthened by not more than 180 days. (Section 104)

Conversion and Exchange Rights

The debt securities of any series may be convertible into or exchangeable for other securities of GE or another issuer or property or cash on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Defeasance

When we use the term defeasance, we mean discharge from some or all of our obligations under either indenture. Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, if we deposit with the Trustee funds or government securities sufficient to make payments on the debt securities of a series on the dates those payments are due and payable and comply with all other conditions to defeasance set forth in the indentures, then, at our option, either of the following will occur:

we will be
discharged
from our
obligations
with respect
to the debt
securities of
that series
(legal
defeasance),
or

we will no
longer have
any
obligation to
comply with
the restrictive
covenants
under the
indentures,
and the
related
events of
default (or, in
the case of
the

subordinated
debt
securities,
covenant
events) will
no longer
apply to us,
but some of
our other
obligations
under the
indentures
and the debt
securities of
that series,
including our
obligation to
make
payments on
those debt
securities,
will survive
(covenant
defeasance).

If we legally defease a series of debt securities, the holders of the debt securities of the series affected will not be entitled to the benefits of the indentures, except for:

the rights
of holders
of that
series of
debt
securities
to receive,
solely
from a
trust fund,
payments
in respect
of such
debt
securities
when
payments
are due,

our
obligation
to register
the
transfer or
exchange
of debt
securities,

our
obligation
to replace
mutilated,
destroyed,
lost or
stolen debt
securities,
and

our
obligation
to
maintain
paying
agencies
and hold
moneys
for
payment in
trust.

We may legally defease a series of debt securities notwithstanding any prior exercise of our option of covenant defeasance in respect of such series.

In addition, the subordinated note indenture provides that if we choose to have the legal defeasance provision applied to the subordinated debt securities, the subordination provisions of the subordinated note indenture will become ineffective. The subordinated note indenture also provides that if we choose to have covenant defeasance apply to any series of debt securities issued pursuant to the subordinated note indenture we need not comply with the provisions relating to subordination.

Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, we will be required to deliver to the Trustee an opinion of counsel that the deposit and related defeasance would not cause the holders of the debt securities to recognize gain or loss for federal income tax purposes and that the holders would be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if the deposit and related defeasance had not occurred. If we elect legal defeasance, that opinion of counsel must be based upon a ruling from the United States Internal Revenue Service or a change in law to that effect. (Sections 1401-1404)

Satisfaction and Discharge

We may discharge our obligations under the indentures while securities remain outstanding if (1) all outstanding debt securities issued under the indentures have become due and payable, (2) all outstanding debt securities issued under the indentures will become due and payable at their stated maturity within one year of the date of deposit or (3) all outstanding debt securities issued under the indentures are scheduled for redemption in one year, and in each case, we have deposited with the Trustee an amount sufficient to pay and discharge all outstanding debt securities issued under the indentures on the date of their scheduled maturity or the scheduled date of the redemption and paid all other amounts payable under the indentures. (Section 401). The subordinated note indenture provides that if we choose to discharge our obligations with respect to the subordinated debt securities, the subordination provisions of the subordinated note indenture will become ineffective. (Section 1610)

Global Notes, Delivery and Form

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, the debt securities will be issued in the form of one or more fully registered Global Notes (as defined below) that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (the Depository) and registered in the name of the Depository s nominee. Global Notes are not exchangeable for definitive note certificates except in the specific circumstances described below. For purposes of this prospectus, Global Note refers to the Global Note or Global Notes representing an entire issue of debt securities.

Except as set forth below, a Global Note may be transferred by the Depository, in whole and not in part, only to a nominee of the Depository or by a nominee of the Depository to the Depository or another nominee of the Depository.

The Depository has advised us as follows:

The
Depository
is:

a limited
purpose trust
company
organized

under the
laws of the
State of New
York;

a banking
organization
within the
meaning of
the New
York
banking law;

a member of
the Federal
Reserve
System;

a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code; and

a clearing agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

The Depository was created to hold securities of its participants and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions among its participants through electronic book entry changes in accounts of its participants, eliminating the need for physical movements of securities certificates.

The
Depository
participants
include
securities
brokers and
dealers,
banks, trust
companies,
clearing
corporations
and others,
some of
whom own
the
Depository.

Access to the
Depository
book-entry
system is also
available to
others that
clear through
or maintain a
custodial
relationship
with a
participant,
either directly
or indirectly.

Where we
issue a
Global Note
in connection
with the sale
thereof to an
underwriter
or
underwriters,
the
Depository
will
immediately
credit the
accounts of
participants
designated by
such

underwriter
or
underwriters
with the
principal
amount of the
debt
securities
purchased by
such
underwriter
or
underwriters.

Ownership of
beneficial
interests in a
Global Note
and the
transfers of
ownership
will be
effected only
through
records
maintained
by the
Depository
(with respect
to
participants),
by the
participants
(with respect
to indirect
participants
and certain
beneficial
owners) and
by the
indirect
participants
(with respect
to all other
beneficial
owners). The
laws of some
states require
that certain
purchasers of
securities

take physical
delivery in
definitive
form of
securities
they
purchase.
These laws
may limit
your ability
to transfer
beneficial
interests in a
Global Note.

So long as a nominee of the Depository is the registered owner of a Global Note, such nominee for all purposes will be considered the sole owner or holder of such debt securities under the indentures. Except as provided below, you will not be entitled to have debt securities registered in your name, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of debt securities in definitive form, and will not be considered the owner or holder thereof under the indentures.

Each person owning a beneficial interest in a Global Note must rely on the procedures of the Depository and, if that person is not a participant, on the procedures of the participant through which that person owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a holder under the indentures. We understand that under existing industry practices, if we request any action of holders or if an owner of a beneficial interest in any Global Note desires to give or take any action which a holder is entitled to give or take under the indentures, the Depository would authorize the participants holding the relevant beneficial interests to give or take that action, and the participants would authorize beneficial owners owning through these participants to give or take that action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners owning through them.

Redemption notices shall be sent to the Depository. If less than all of the debt securities within an issue are being redeemed, the Depository's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each participant in such issue to be redeemed.

We will make payment of principal of, and interest on, debt securities represented by a Global Note to the Depository or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner and holder of the Global Note representing those debt securities. The Depository has advised us that upon receipt of any payment of principal of, or interest on, a Global Note, the Depository will immediately credit accounts of participants with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of that Global Note, as shown in the records of the Depository. Standing instructions and customary practices will govern payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in a Global Note held through those participants, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in street name. Those payments will be the sole responsibility of those participants, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements that may be in effect from time to time.

Neither we, the Trustee nor any of our respective agents will be responsible for any aspect of the records of the Depository, any nominee or any participant relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial interests in a Global Note or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any of the records of the Depository, any nominee or any participant relating to those beneficial interests.

As described above, we will issue debt securities in definitive form in exchange for a Global Note only in the following situations:

if the
Depository is
at any time
unwilling or
unable to
continue as
depository,
defaults in
the
performance
of its duties
as
depository,
ceases to be
a clearing
agency
registered
under the
Securities
Exchange
Act of 1934,
and, in each
case, a
successor
depository is
not
appointed by
us within 90
days after
notice
thereof, or

if, subject to
the rules of
the
Depository,
we choose to
issue
definitive
debt
securities.

In either instance, an owner of a beneficial interest in a Global Note will be entitled to have debt securities equal in principal amount to such beneficial interest registered in its name and will be entitled to physical delivery of debt securities in definitive form. Debt securities in definitive form will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof and will be issued in registered form only, without coupons. We will maintain in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, one or more offices or agencies where debt securities may be presented for payment and may be transferred or exchanged. You will not be charged a fee for any transfer or exchange of such debt securities, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Highly Leveraged Transaction

The general provisions of the indentures do not afford holders of the debt securities protection in the event of a highly leveraged or other transaction involving GE that may adversely affect holders of the debt securities.

Subordination

Any subordinated debt securities issued under the subordinated note indenture will be subordinate and junior in right of payment to all Senior Debt of GE whether existing at the date of the subordinated note indenture or subsequently incurred. Upon any payment or distribution of assets of GE to creditors upon any:

liquidation;

dissolution;

winding-up;

receivership;

reorganization;

assignment for
the benefit of
creditors;

marshalling of
assets;

bankruptcy,
insolvency or
similar
proceedings of
GE,

the holders of Senior Debt will first be entitled to receive payment in full of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on such Senior Debt before the holders of the subordinated debt securities will be entitled to receive or retain any payment in respect of the principal of and any premium or interest on the subordinated debt securities.

Upon the acceleration of the maturity of any subordinated debt securities, the holders of all Senior Debt outstanding at the time of such acceleration will first be entitled to receive payment in full of all amounts due thereon, including any amounts due upon acceleration, before the holders of subordinated debt securities will be entitled to receive or retain any payment in respect of the principal (including redemption payments), or premium, if any, or interest on the

subordinated debt securities.

No payments on account of principal (including redemption payments), or premium, if any, or interest, in respect of the subordinated debt securities may be made if:

there has
occurred
and is
continuing a
default in
any payment
with respect
to Senior
Debt; or

there has
occurred
and is
continuing a
default with
respect to
any Senior
Debt
resulting in
the
acceleration
of the
maturity
thereof.

Debt means, with respect to any person:

all
indebtedness
of such
person for
borrowed
money;

all
obligations
of such
person
evidenced by
bonds,
debentures,
notes or other
similar
instruments,
including
obligations
incurred in

connection
with the
acquisition of
property,
assets or
businesses;

all
obligations
of such
person with
respect to
letters of
credit,
bankers
acceptances
or similar
facilities
issued for the
account of
such person;

all
obligations
of such
person to pay
the deferred
purchase
price of
property or
services, but
excluding
accounts
payable or
any other
indebtedness
or monetary
obligations to
trade
creditors
arising in the
ordinary
course of
business in
connection
with the
acquisition of
goods or
services;

all capital
lease
obligations
of such
person;

all Debt of
others
secured by a
lien on any
asset by such
person;

all Debt and
dividends of
others
guaranteed
by such
person to the
extent such
Debt and
dividends are
guaranteed
by such
person; and

all
obligations
for claims in
respect of
derivative
products.

Senior Debt means the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on Debt of GE, whether created, incurred or assumed on, before or after the date of the subordinated note indenture, unless the instrument creating or evidencing the Debt provides that such Debt is subordinated to or *pari passu* with the subordinated debt securities.

The indentures place no limitation on the amount of additional Senior Debt that may be incurred by GE.

Notices

Holders will receive notices by mail at their addresses as they appear in the security register. (Section 106)

Title

We may treat the person in whose name a debt security is registered on the applicable record date as the owner of the debt security for all purposes, whether or not it is overdue. (Section 309)

Governing Law

New York law governs the indentures and the debt securities. (Section 112)

Regarding the Trustee

GE, our subsidiary General Electric Capital Corporation (GECC) and other affiliates of GE maintain various commercial and investment banking relationships with The Bank of New York Mellon and its affiliates in their ordinary course of business.

The Bank of New York Mellon acts as Trustee under (i) an Amended and Restated Indenture with GECC dated as of February 27, 1997, as supplemented, (ii) a Senior Note Indenture with GE dated January 1, 2003, (iii) an Indenture with GE dated December 1, 2005 and (iv) an Indenture for Subordinated Debt with GECC dated September 1, 2006. The Bank of New York Mellon also acts as Trustee under certain other indentures with GECC.

If an event of default occurs under the indentures and is continuing, the Trustee will be required to use the degree of care and skill of a prudent person in the conduct of that person's own affairs. The Trustee will become obligated to exercise any of its powers under the indentures at the request of any of the holders of any debt securities issued under the indentures only after those holders have offered the Trustee indemnity satisfactory to it.

If the Trustee becomes one of our creditors, its rights to obtain payment of claims in specified circumstances, or to realize for its own account on certain property received in respect of any such claim as security or otherwise will be limited under the terms of the indentures. (Section 613). The Trustee may engage in certain other transactions; however, if the Trustee acquires any conflicting interest (within the meaning specified under the Trust Indenture Act), it will be required to eliminate the conflict or resign. (Section 608)

DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED STOCK

Our Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, authorizes our Board of Directors, or the Board, to create and provide for the issuance of one or more series of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share, without the approval of our shareholders. The Board can also determine the terms, including the designations, powers, preferences and rights (including conversion, voting and other rights) and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions, of any preferred stock. Currently, 50,000,000 shares of our capital stock are classified as preferred stock under our Certificate of Incorporation. As of November 7, 2011, we do not have any shares of preferred stock outstanding.

DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK

Set forth below is a description of the GE common stock. The following description of the GE common stock is a summary and is subject to the provisions of our Certificate of Incorporation, our by-laws and the relevant provisions of the law of the State of New York.

We are currently authorized to issue up to 13,200,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.06 per share. As of September 30, 2011, we had outstanding approximately 10,557,351,000 shares of our common stock.

Each share of GE common stock entitles the holder of record to one vote at all meetings of shareowners, and the votes are noncumulative. The GE common stock is not redeemable, has no subscription or conversion rights and does not entitle the holder to any preemptive rights.

Holders of the GE common stock are entitled to share ratably in any dividends and in any assets available for distribution on liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, subject to the preferential rights of the holders of any preferred stock that may be issued.

Dividends may be paid on the GE common stock out of funds legally available for dividends, when and if declared by GE's board of directors.

The Bank of New York Mellon is the transfer agent and registrar for the GE common stock.

DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

We may issue warrants, in one or more series, for the purchase of debt securities or shares of our common stock, par value \$0.06 per share. Warrants may be issued independently or together with our debt securities or common stock and may be attached to or separate from any offered securities. In addition to this summary, you should refer to the detailed provisions of the specific warrant agreement for complete terms of the warrants and the warrant agreement. Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, each warrant agreement will be between GE and a banking institution organized under the laws of the United States or a state thereof as warrant agent. A form of warrant agreement will be filed with the SEC as an exhibit to the Registration Statement by post-effective amendment or a Current Report on Form 8-K.

The warrants will be evidenced by warrant certificates. Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement, the warrant certificates may be traded separately from the debt securities or common stock, if any, with which the warrant certificates were issued. Warrant certificates may be exchanged for new warrant certificates of different denominations at the office of an agent that we will appoint. Until a warrant is exercised, the holder of a warrant does not have any of the rights of a holder of our debt securities or common stock and is not entitled to any payments on any debt securities or common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants.

A prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus relating to a particular series of warrants to issue debt securities or common stock will describe the terms of those warrants, including:

the title and
the
aggregate
number of
warrants;

the debt
securities or
common
stock for
which each
warrant is
exercisable;

the date or
dates on
which the
right to
exercise
such
warrants
commence
and expire;

the price or
prices at
which such
warrants are
exercisable;

the currency
or
currencies
in which
such
warrants are
exercisable;

the periods
during
which and
places at
which such
warrants are
exercisable;

the terms of
any
mandatory
or optional
call
provisions;

the price or
prices, if
any, at
which the
warrants
may be
redeemed at
the option of
the holder or
will be
redeemed
upon
expiration;

the identity
of the
warrant
agent; and

the
exchanges,
if any, on
which such
warrants
may be
listed.

You may exercise warrants by payment to our warrant agent of the exercise price, in each case in such currency or currencies as are specified in the warrant, and giving your identity and the number of warrants to be exercised. Once you pay our warrant agent and deliver the properly completed and executed warrant certificate to our warrant agent at the specified office, our warrant agent will, as soon as practicable, forward securities to you in authorized denominations or share amounts. If you exercise less than all of the warrants evidenced by your warrant certificate, you will be issued a new warrant certificate for the remaining amount of warrants.

DESCRIPTION OF DELAYED DELIVERY CONTRACTS

We may issue delayed delivery contracts for the purchase or sale of our debt securities or equity securities or securities of third parties including any of our affiliates, a basket of such securities, an index or indices of such securities or any combination of the above as specified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We may issue delayed delivery contracts obligating holders to purchase from us, and obligating us to sell to holders, at a future date, a specified or varying number of securities at a purchase price, which may be based on a formula. Alternatively, we may issue delayed delivery contracts obligating us to purchase from holders, and obligating holders to sell to us, at a future date, a specified or varying number of securities at a purchase price, which may be based on a formula. We may satisfy our obligations, if any, with respect to any delayed delivery contract by delivering the subject securities or by delivering the cash value of such delayed delivery contract or the cash value of the property otherwise deliverable, as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. The applicable prospectus supplement will specify the methods by which the holders may purchase or sell such securities and any acceleration, cancellation or termination provisions or other provisions relating to the settlement of a delayed delivery contract.

The delayed delivery contracts may require us to make periodic payments to the holders thereof or vice versa, and these payments may be unsecured or prefunded and may be paid on a current or deferred basis. The delayed delivery contracts may require holders thereof to secure their obligations under the contracts in a specified manner to be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Alternatively, delayed delivery contracts may require holders to satisfy their obligations thereunder when the delayed delivery contracts are issued as described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

DESCRIPTION OF GUARANTEES

Any guarantees that we issue from time to time for the benefit of holders of specified underlying securities will include the following terms and conditions, plus any additional terms specified in the accompanying prospectus supplement.

A guarantee will provide that we unconditionally guarantee the due and punctual payment of the principal, interest (if any), premium (if any) and all other amounts due under the applicable underlying securities when the same shall become due and payable, whether at maturity, pursuant to mandatory or optional prepayments, by acceleration or otherwise, in each case after any applicable grace periods or notice requirements, according to the terms of the applicable underlying securities. Any guarantee shall be unconditional irrespective of the validity or enforceability of the applicable underlying security, any change or amendment thereto or any other circumstances that may otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor. However, we will not waive presentment or demand of payment or notice with respect to the applicable underlying security unless otherwise provided in the accompanying prospectus supplement.

We shall be subrogated to all rights of the holders of the applicable underlying securities in respect of any amounts paid by us pursuant to the provisions of a guarantee, except to the extent otherwise stated in a prospectus supplement. The guarantee shall continue to be effective or reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any payment made by the issuer of the applicable underlying security is rescinded or must otherwise be returned upon the insolvency, bankruptcy or reorganization of GE, the issuer of the applicable underlying security or otherwise.

ERISA MATTERS

GE and its subsidiaries may provide services to many employee benefit plans, subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA) including entities such as collective investment funds, partnerships and separate accounts whose underlying assets include assets of such plans (collectively, Plans). GE and any direct or indirect subsidiary of GE may each be considered a party in interest within the meaning of ERISA, or a disqualified person under corresponding provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code), with respect to many Plans, as well as many individual retirement accounts and Keogh plans (also Plans). Prohibited transactions within the meaning of ERISA and the Code may result if any offered securities are acquired by a Plan as to which GE or any direct or indirect subsidiary of GE is a party in interest or disqualified person, unless such offered securities are acquired pursuant to an applicable exemption. There are a number of statutory exemptions to the prohibited transaction rules, including the service provider exemption provided by Section 408(b)(17) of ERISA and Section 4975(d)(20) of the Code, which applies to certain transactions if the party in interest or disqualified person has such status solely due to its (or an affiliate s) provision of services to the Plan and specified conditions are satisfied. In addition, the U.S. Department of Labor has issued prohibited transaction class exemptions (PTCEs) that may provide exemptive relief for direct or indirect prohibited transactions resulting from the purchase or holding of the offered securities. Five of those class exemptions are PTCE 96-23 (for certain transactions determined by in-house asset managers), PTCE 95-60 (for certain transactions involving insurance company general accounts), PTCE 91-38 (for certain transactions involving bank collective investment funds), PTCE 90-1 (for certain transactions involving insurance company separate accounts), and PTCE 84-14 (for certain transactions determined by independent qualified professional asset managers). Accordingly, each purchaser and each transferee using the assets of a Plan subject to ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code to acquire the offered securities will be deemed to have represented that the acquisition and continued holding of the offered securities will not result in a prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code, either as a result of being covered by a statutory prohibited transaction exemption or a Department of Labor PTCE or otherwise.

Employee benefit plans that are governmental plans (as defined in Section 3(32) of ERISA), certain church plans (as defined in Section 3(33) of ERISA) and non-U.S. plans (as described in Section 4(b)(4) of ERISA) are not subject to these prohibited transaction rules of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code, but may be subject to similar rules under other applicable laws or requirements (Similar Laws). Accordingly, each purchaser or holder of the offered securities shall be deemed to have represented that such purchase and holding is not prohibited under applicable Similar Laws or rules. Any employee benefit plan or other entity to which such provisions of ERISA, the Code or any Similar Laws apply proposing to acquire the offered securities should consult with its legal counsel. The sale of the offered securities to any Plan or entity is in no respect a representation by us or any of our affiliates or representatives that such an investment meets all relevant legal requirements with respect to investments by Plans or entities generally or any particular Plan or entity, or that such an investment is appropriate for Plans and entities generally or any particular Plan or entity.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities offered through this prospectus in any one or more of the following ways:

directly to
investors,
including
through a
specific
bidding,
auction or
other process;

to investors
through
agents;

directly to
agents;

to or through
brokers or
dealers;

to the public
through
underwriting
syndicates led
by one or
more
managing
underwriters;

to one or
more
underwriters
acting alone
for resale to
investors or
to the public;
and

through a
combination
of any such
methods of
sale.

Our common stock may be issued upon conversion of debt securities or preferred stock. Securities may also be issued upon exercise of warrants. We reserve the right to sell securities directly to investors on our own behalf in those jurisdictions where we are authorized to do so.

The securities may be distributed at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, market prices prevailing at the time of sale, prices related to the prevailing market prices, or negotiated prices. The prospectus supplement will, where applicable:

describe the terms of the offering;

identify any underwriters, dealers or agents;

identify any managing underwriter or underwriters and the respective amounts of securities underwritten or purchased by them;

provide purchase price of the securities;

the net proceeds from the sale of the securities;

any delayed delivery arrangements;

any underwriting discounts, commissions and other items constituting underwriters compensation;

any initial public offering

price;

any discounts
or concessions
allowed or
reallowed or
paid to dealers;
and

any
commissions
paid to agents.

Sale Through Underwriters or Dealers

If underwriters are used in the sale, the underwriters will acquire the securities for their own account, including through underwriting, purchase, security lending or repurchase agreements with us. The underwriters may resell the securities from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions. Underwriters may sell the securities in order to facilitate transactions in any of our other securities (described in this prospectus or otherwise), including other public or private transactions and short sales. Underwriters may offer securities to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters or directly by one or more firms acting as underwriters. Unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to certain conditions, and the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all the offered securities if they purchase any of them. The underwriters may change from time to time any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers.

If dealers are used in the sale of securities offered through this prospectus, we will sell the securities to them as principals. They may then resell those securities to the public at varying prices determined by the dealers at the time of resale. Transactions through brokers or dealers may include block trades in which brokers or dealers will attempt to sell securities as agent but may position and resell as principal to facilitate the transaction or in crosses, in which the same broker or dealer acts

as agent on both sides of the trade. Any such dealer may be deemed an underwriter, as such term is defined in the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), of the securities offered and sold. The prospectus supplement will include the names of the dealers and the terms of the transaction.

Direct Sales and Sales Through Agents

Offers to purchase securities may be solicited directly by us. In this case, no underwriters or agents would be involved. Such securities may also be sold through agents designated from time to time. The prospectus supplement will name any agent involved in the offer or sale of the offered securities and will describe any commissions payable to the agent. Unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, any agent will agree to use its reasonable best efforts to solicit purchases for the period of its appointment.

We may sell the securities directly to institutional investors or others who may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act with respect to any sale of those securities. The terms of any such sales will be described in the prospectus supplement.

Delayed Delivery Contracts

If the applicable prospectus supplement indicates, we may authorize agents, underwriters or dealers to solicit offers from certain types of institutions to purchase securities at the public offering price under delayed delivery contracts. These contracts would provide for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. The contracts would be subject only to those conditions described in the prospectus supplement. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the commissions payable for solicitation of those contracts.

At the Market Offering

We may from time to time engage a firm to act as our agent for one or more offerings of our securities. We sometimes refer to this agent as our offering agent. If we reach an agreement with an offering agent with respect to a specific offering, including the number of securities and any minimum price below which sales may not be made, then the offering agent will try to sell such securities on the agreed terms. The offering agent could make sales in privately negotiated transactions or any other method permitted by law, including sales deemed to be an at the market offering as defined in Rule 415 promulgated under the Securities Act, including sales made directly on the New York Stock Exchange, or sales made to or through a market maker other than on an exchange. The offering agent will be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act with respect to any sales effected through an at the market offering.

Market Making, Stabilization and Other Transactions

Unless the applicable prospectus supplement states otherwise, each series of offered securities will be a new issue and will have no established trading market. We may elect to list any series of offered securities on an exchange. Any underwriters that we use in the sale of offered securities may make a market in such securities, but may discontinue such market making at any time without notice. Therefore, we cannot assure you that the securities will have a liquid trading market.

Any underwriter may also engage in stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Rule 104 under the Exchange Act. Stabilizing transactions involve bids to purchase the underlying security in the open market for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the price of the securities. Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the securities in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover syndicate short positions.

Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the securities originally sold by the syndicate member are purchased in a syndicate covering transaction to cover syndicate short positions. Stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions

and penalty bids may cause the price of the securities to be higher than it would be in the absence of the transactions. The underwriters may, if they commence these transactions, discontinue them at any time.

Derivative Transactions and Hedging

We, the underwriters or other agents may engage in derivative transactions involving the securities. These derivatives may consist of short sale transactions and other hedging activities. The underwriters or agents may acquire a long or short position in the securities, hold or resell securities acquired and purchase options or futures on the securities and other derivative instruments with returns linked to or related to changes in the price of the securities. In order to facilitate these derivative transactions, we may enter into security lending or repurchase agreements with the underwriters or agents. The underwriters or agents may effect the derivative transactions through sales of the securities to the public, including short sales, or by lending the securities in order to facilitate short sale transactions by others. The underwriters or agents may also use the securities purchased or borrowed from us or others (or, in the case of derivatives, securities received from us in settlement of those derivatives) to directly or indirectly settle sales of the securities or close out any related open borrowings of the securities.

Electronic Auctions

We may also make sales through the Internet or through other electronic means. Since we may from time to time elect to offer securities directly to the public, with or without the involvement of agents, underwriters or dealers, utilizing the Internet (sometimes referred to as the world wide web) or other forms of electronic bidding or ordering systems for the pricing and allocation of such securities, you will want to pay particular attention to the description of that system we will provide in a prospectus supplement.

Such electronic system may allow bidders to directly participate, through electronic access to an auction site, by submitting conditional offers to buy that are subject to acceptance by us, and which may directly affect the price or other terms and conditions at which such securities are sold. These bidding or ordering systems may present to each bidder, on a so-called real-time basis, relevant information to assist in making a bid, such as the clearing spread at which the offering would be sold, based on the bids submitted, and whether a bidder's individual bids would be accepted, prorated or rejected. For example, in the case of a debt security, the clearing spread could be indicated as a number of basis points above an index treasury note. Of course, many pricing methods can and may also be used.

Upon completion of such an electronic auction process, securities will be allocated based on prices bid, terms of bid or other factors. The final offering price at which securities would be sold and the allocation of securities among bidders would be based in whole or in part on the results of the Internet or other electronic bidding process or auction.

General Information

Agents, underwriters and dealers may be entitled, under agreements entered into with us, to indemnification by us against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. 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.

Underwriters, broker-dealers or agents may receive compensation in the form of commissions, discounts or concessions from us. Underwriters, broker-dealers or agents may also receive compensation from the purchasers of securities for whom they act as agents or to whom they sell as principals, or both. Compensation as to a particular underwriter, broker-dealer or agent might be in excess of customary commissions and will be in amounts to be negotiated in connection with transactions. In effecting sales, broker-dealers engaged by us may arrange for other broker-dealers to participate in the resales.

Agents, underwriters and dealers may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us and our respective subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business.

The place and time of delivery for the securities will be set forth in the accompanying prospectus supplement for such securities.

VALIDITY OF THE SECURITIES

Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, New York, New York, will provide opinions regarding the authorization and validity of the securities for us, and certain legal matters will be passed upon for the underwriters by Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, New York, New York.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of GE as of December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2010, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) as of December 31, 2010 have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements of GE, in 2010, GE changed its method of accounting for consolidation of variable interest entities; in 2009, changed its method of accounting for impairment of debt securities, business combinations and noncontrolling interests; and, in 2008, changed its method of accounting for fair value measurements and adopted the fair value option for certain financial assets and financial liabilities.

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

Debt Securities

Preferred Stock

Common Stock

Warrants to Purchase Securities

Delayed Delivery Contracts

Guarantees

PROSPECTUS

December 8, 2011

General Electric Company

\$ % Notes due 20

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

October , 2012

Bookrunners

Barclays

Citigroup

Deutsche Bank Securities

Goldman, Sachs & Co.

J.P. Morgan

Morgan Stanley
