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December 13, 2016

Rule 424 (b) (3) Registration No. 333-199914

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Amount of Maximum Each Class Registration Aggregate of Fee(1)(2)Offering Securities Price

Offered

Senior \$200,000.00 \$23.18

Debt Securities

- Calculated in accordance with Rule (1) 457(r) of the Securities Act of 1933.
- (2) The amount in this column has been transmitted to the SEC in connection with the securities offered by means of this pricing supplement.

TRADE DATE: 12/12/2016 PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 7242 DATED December 12, 2016 TO PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENTAL DATED November 10, 2014 AND BASE PROSPECTUS DATED November 6, 2014

NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES COOPERATIVE FINANCE **CORPORATION** Medium-Term Notes, Series D Due Nine Months or More from Date of Issue

Principal Amount: \$200,000.00

100% of

Issue Price: Principal

Amount

Original Issue Date: 12/15/16

Maturity Date: 12/15/17

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1.60% per Interest Rate: annum

Regular Record Dates:

Each January 1 and July 1

Each

Interest Payment

January 15 Dates: and July 15

Redemption Date: None

Agents' Commission: None

Form of Note: (Book-Entry or Certificated)

Certificated

Other Terms:

None

Medium-Term Notes, Series D may be issued by the Company in an unlimited aggregate principal amount.

Validity of the Medium-Term Note

In the opinion of Hogan Lovells US LLP, as counsel to the Company, when the notes offered by this pricing supplement have been executed and issued by the Company and authenticated by the trustee pursuant to the indenture, and delivered against payment as contemplated herein, such notes will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership, moratorium and other laws affecting creditors' rights (including, without limitation, the effect of statutory and other law regarding fraudulent conveyances, fraudulent transfers and preferential transfers), and by the exercise of judicial discretion and the application of principles of equity, good faith, fair dealing, reasonableness, conscionability and materiality (regardless of whether the applicable agreements are considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

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This opinion is based as to matters of law solely on applicable provisions of the following, as currently in effect: (i) the District of Columbia Cooperative Association Act, as amended (the "Cooperative Association Act") and (ii) the laws of the State of New York (but not including any laws, statutes, ordinances, administrative decisions, rules or regulations of any political subdivision below the state level). In addition, this opinion is subject to customary assumptions about the trustee's authorization, execution and delivery of the indenture and its authentication of the notes and the validity, binding nature and enforceability of the indenture with respect to the trustee, all as stated in the letter of such counsel dated November 10, 2014, which has been filed as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K by the Company on November 10, 2014.