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(To: Prospectus Dated November 6, 2014 and Prospectus Supplement Dated November 10, 2014)

CUSIP	Principal	Selling	Gross	Net	Coupon	Coupon	Coupon	Maturity	1st Coupo
Number	Amount	Price	Concession	Proceeds	Type	Rate	Frequency	Date	Date
63743FC79	[]	100%	1.250%	[]	Fixed	2.450%	MONTHLY	04/15/2022	05/15/201

Redemption Information: Non-Callable

Offering Dates: Monday, April 3, 2017 through Monday, April 10, 2017

Trade Date: Monday, April 10, 2017 @12:00

PM ET

Settlement Date: Thursday, April 13, 2017

Minimum

Denomination/Increments:\$1,000.00/\$1,000.00 Initial trades settle flat and clear SDFS: DTC

Book Entry only

DTC number: 0235 via RBC Dain Rauscher

Inc.

Agents: Incapital, LLC, Citigroup, Comerica Securities, J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, Inc.,

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