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Pricing Supplement, dated October 7, 2003 To Prospectus dated November 19, 2001

Medium-Term Notes, Series 5 Due From Nine Months to 30 Years From Date of Issue

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT \$50,000,000.00
ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE October 9, 2003
MATURITY DATE October 9, 2006

GLOBAL NOTE Yes INITIAL INTEREST RATE 1.60%

INTEREST RATE BASIS 3 Month Libor

INDEX MATURITY N/A SPREAD +.45%

INTEREST RATE RESET PERIOD Two business days before the interest payment date

INTEREST PAYMENT DATES The notes will pay interest on each January 9, April 9, July 9 and October 9

commencing on January 9, 2004, and at maturity

The proceeds from the issuance of the Note to which this Pricing Supplement relates will be used for:

General corporate purposes, including investment in, or extensions of credit to, existing and future subsidiaries

Repayment of outstanding borrowings.