
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **December 15, 2008**

NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES COOPERATIVE FINANCE CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

District of Columbia
(state or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-7102
(Commission
File Number)

52-0891669
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

Woodland Park
2201 Cooperative Way
Herndon, VA
(Address of principal executive offices)

20171-3025
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(703) 709-6700**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

On December 15, 2008, National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (“National Rural”) entered into a note purchase agreement in the amount of \$500 million with the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (“Farmer Mac”). The agreement allows National Rural to borrow up to \$500 million from Farmer Mac through December 31, 2015. Advances under the agreement must occur prior to December 31, 2010. National Rural may select a fixed rate or variable rate at the time of each advance. Notes with a fixed interest rate will be based on the applicable benchmark treasury rate plus a spread determined at the time of the advance and will mature five years from the closing date up to December 31, 2015. Notes with a variable interest rate will be based on three month LIBOR plus a spread determined at the time of the advance and may have a maturity of two years or less from the closing date up to December 31, 2012.

National Rural is required to pledge eligible distribution system or power supply system loans as collateral in an amount at least equal to the total principal amount of notes outstanding under the agreement. National Rural will also be required to purchase Farmer Mac Series C preferred stock in an amount sufficient to maintain a balance at all times that is at least equal to 4% of the principal amount of the notes outstanding under the agreement.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES COOPERATIVE
FINANCE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Steven L. Lilly
Steven L. Lilly
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: December 17, 2008

