

NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES COOPERATIVE FINANCE CORP /DC/  
 Form 424B3  
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**Pricing Supplement Number 444 Dated Monday, April 3, 2017**  
**(To: Prospectus Dated November 6, 2014 and Prospectus Supplement Dated November 10, 2014)**

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

**Redemption Information: Non-Callable**

<p>National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corp</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Agents: Incapital, LLC, Citigroup, Comerica Securities, J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, Inc., Wells Fargo</p> <p>If the maturity date or an interest payment date for any note is not a Business Day (as term is defined in Prospectus), principal, premium, if any, and interest for that note is paid on the next Business Day, and no interest will accrue from, and after, the maturity date or interest payment date.</p> <p><i>InterNotes® is a registered trademark of Incapital Holdings, LLC. All rights reserved.</i></p>	<p>National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corp                  Prospectus Dated November 6, 2014</p>
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