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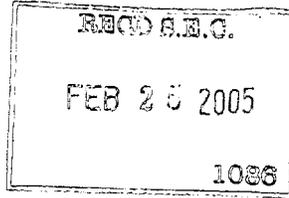


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Mr. Brian Johnson  
Branch Chief  
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450 Fifth Street, NW  
Judiciary Plaza  
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES COOPERATIVE FINANCE CORPORATION, 5.95% Subordinated Notes due 2045 (Subordinated Deferrable Interest Notes due 2045) and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on February 25, 2005. Tentative listing date -- Not yet determined.

Sincerely,

*Paras Madho* ✓

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