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SLM Corporation
Medium Term Notes, Series B



With Maturities of 9 Months or More from Date of Issue

Registration No. 333-90316

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Pricing Supplement No. 251

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Prospectus Supplement dated January 23, 2003)

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Issue Date: 4/15/2004

The date of this Pricing Supplement is 4/12/2004

| CUSIP | Stated Interest Rate Per Annum (1) | Maturity Date | Price to Public (2)(3) | Discounts & Commissions | Interest Payment | | Subject to Redemption | | | Net Proceeds | OID Statu |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------|--|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | | Frequency | First Payment | Survivor's Option | Yes/ No | Date and terms of redemption | | |
| 78490FLM9 | *Step | 6/15/2024 | 100% | 2.500% | Semi | 12/15/04 | No | Yes | Callable at 100% on 6/15/2009 and continuously thereafter with 20 days notice. | 1,453,000 | 1,416,675.00 |

* 5.00% until but not including 6/15/09, then 5.75% until but not including 6/15/14, then 7.00% until but not including 6/15/19, then 8.00% thereafter.

Effective April 7, 2003 the name of Salomon Smith Barney Inc., an agent of the program, was changed to Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

(1)

The interest rates on the Ed Notes may be changed by SLM Corporation from time to time, but any such change will not affect the interest rate on any Ed Notes offered prior to the effective date of the change.

(2)

Expressed as a percentage of aggregate principal amount.

(3) **<http://www.oblible.com>**

See "Supplemental Plan of Distribution" in the Prospectus supplement for additional information concerning price to public and underwriting compensation.
