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SLM Corporation

Medium Term Notes, Series B

EdNotesSM

With Maturities of 9 Months or More from Date of Issue

Registration No. 333-90316

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Pricing Supplement No. 44

(To Prospectus dated January 23, 2003 and
Prospectus Supplement dated January 23, 2003)

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The date of this Pricing Supplement is 4/7/03

CUSIP	Stated Interest Rate Per Annum ¹	Maturity Date	Price to Public ^{2 3}	Discounts & Commissions	Interest Payment			Subject to Redemption		Aggregate Principal Amount	Net Procee
					Frequency	First Payment	Survivor's Option	Yes/No	Date and Terms of Redemption		
78490FBW8	3.350%	6/15/08	100%	0.750%	Semi	06/15/03	Yes	No		2,094,000	2,078,295

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

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