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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 51
DATED JANUARY 11, 1994 TO
PROSPECTUS DATED NOVEMBER 1, 1991
AND PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT DATED DECEMBER 10, 1992

AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCE CORPORATION
MEDIUM-TERM NOTES, SERIES C
(FIXED RATE)

DUE FROM NINE MONTHS TO 30 YEARS FROM DATE OF ISSUE

X SENIOR NOTES
SENIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES

X BOOK-ENTRY NOTES
CERTIFICATED NOTES

DATE OF ISSUE: January 19, 1994

Principal Amount

Maturity Date

Per Annum Interest Rate

\$5,000,000

January 21, 1997

4.70%

The aggregate principal amount of this offering is \$5,000,000. Medium-Term Notes, Series C ("Notes"), may be issued by the Company in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$500,000,000. To date, including this offering, an aggregate of \$315,300,000 of offers to purchase the Notes has been accepted.

The Notes to which this Pricing Supplement relates are being offered through Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corporation ("DLJ"), as agent for the Company. In this connection, DLJ will receive a commission of .099% of the principal amount thereof. The Company has agreed to indemnify such agent against and contribute toward certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933. The Company has agreed to reimburse such agent for certain expenses. Such agent may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, the Company in the ordinary course of business.

Effective January 1, 1993, the tax withholding percentages set forth under "United States Tax Considerations-Backup Withholding" have been increased from 20% to 31%.

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