

---

---

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

---

**FORM 8-K**

---

**CURRENT REPORT**  
**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **March 5, 2021**

---

**NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES COOPERATIVE FINANCE CORPORATION**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**District of Columbia**  
(state or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**1-7102**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**52-0891669**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**20701 Cooperative Way**  
**Dulles, VA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**20166-6691**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(703) 467-1800**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

---

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
7.35% Collateral Trust Bonds, due 2026	NRUC 26	New York Stock Exchange
5.50% Subordinated Notes, due 2064	NRUC	New York Stock Exchange

---

---

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On March 5, 2021, S&P Global Ratings announced downgrades, with a “negative” outlook, on all of the secured and unsecured debt of National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (the “Company”). The following are S&P Global Ratings’ new ratings:

Senior secured debt A-  
Senior unsecured debt A-  
Subordinated debt BBB  
Commercial paper A-2

---

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES COOPERATIVE FINANCE  
CORPORATION

By: /s/ J. Andrew Don

J. Andrew Don

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: March 5, 2021

---