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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. 46

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

Trade Date: 4/7/03

Issue Date: 4/10/03

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 Proceeds | OID Status |
|-----------|---|------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | | | | | Frequency | First Payment | Survivor's Option | Yes/No | Date and Terms of Redemption | | | |
| 78490FBX6 | 4.550% | 6/15/13 | 100% | 1.250% | Semi | 06/15/03 | Yes | No | | 2,905,000 | 2,868,687.50 | N |

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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