



AGNC Declares \$0.85 First Quarter 2009 Dividend

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BETHESDA, Md., March 23 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- American Capital Agency Corp. (Nasdaq: AGNC) (the "Company") announced today that its Board of Directors has declared a cash dividend of \$0.85 per share for the first quarter of 2009. The dividend is payable on April 27, 2009 to common stockholders of record as of April 2, 2009 and has an ex-dividend date of March 31, 2009.

"I am pleased with the progress we've made since early February repositioning our investment portfolio," commented Gary Kain, Chief Investment Officer of AGNC. "We've been able to take advantage of favorable market conditions to diversify away from 100% fixed rate MBS and construct a portfolio that we believe will better position us for today's dynamic market environment. As part of the portfolio adjustments, we were able to generate modest realized gains in the quarter to date. Furthermore, since the beginning of the year, short term funding costs for agency MBS have declined considerably, positively impacting our net interest spread. We believe the actions taken in the quarter fortify our commitment to balance the protection of book value while generating attractive risk-adjusted returns for our stockholders."

ABOUT AGNC

AGNC is a REIT formed in 2008 to invest exclusively in agency pass-through securities and collateralized mortgage obligations for which the principal and interest payments are guaranteed by a U.S. Government agency or a U.S. Government-sponsored entity. The Company is externally managed and advised by an affiliate of American Capital, Ltd. For further information, please refer to www.AGNC.com.

ABOUT AMERICAN CAPITAL

American Capital, Ltd. (Nasdaq: ACAS) is a publicly traded private equity firm and global asset manager. American Capital, both directly and through its asset management business, originates, underwrites and manages investments in middle market private equity, leveraged finance, real estate and structured products. Founded in 1986, American Capital has \$14 billion in capital resources under management and ten offices in the U.S., Europe and Asia. For further information, please refer to www.AmericanCapital.com.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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