

The Depository Trust Company

IMPORTANT

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TO: All DTC Participants

CATEGORY: Settlement/Underwriting

FROM: Settlement Department

ATTENTION: Settlement Manager/Managing Partner/Cashier

SUBJECT: Enhancements to Core Settlement Functions

Background

Over the last few years, DTC has been in the process of modernizing the Participant Terminal System (PTS). This effort has been addressed in phases with the first wave of changes being made to the 3270 mainframe screens. In this initial phase, main menus were created for DTC's Dividend, Reorganization and Settlement areas. These main menus (DIVD, REOG, and the new SETT) contain all related Dividend, Reorganization and Settlement functions; they are intended to alleviate the need for Participants to memorize PTS function acronyms and to assist new PTS users in identifying relevant PTS capabilities. Participants who prefer to use acronyms can still access a specific PTS function directly without going through a menu by keying the function acronym in the "enter function" field of the initial sign-on screen.

The Participant Terminal System has also been updated to provide a consistent look and feel. This has been accomplished by providing standardized PF keys and a uniform screen layout. Each screen is divided into three sections: the bottom section contains PF keys; the middle section contains the data or body of information, and the top section contains DTC's name, the title of the function, the date and time, and a new jump bar. The jump bar was created to reduce the amount of unnecessary re-keying of information by allowing Participants to jump from one function to another while maintaining applicable information (CUSIP, etc.). Participants can access the jump bar directly by pressing the "home" key on their keyboard.

The next phase of the PTS modernization effort will be to provide a Graphical User Interface (GUI) via a web browser. This version will provide “point and click” capabilities, drop down menus, and extensive help screens. A prototype of Settlement’s GUI version is scheduled for early 2002.

Enhanced 3270 Settlement Functions

On November 8, 2001, Participants will be given access to several enhanced Settlement functions and a new Settlement main menu (SETT). The new SETT menu will contain all Settlement functions and three new sub-menus. Initially, only the functions that have been enhanced with the standardized keys and jump bar will be available through the SETT menu (as additional Settlement related PTS screens are enhanced, they will be added to the SETT menu). Below is the list of the enhanced function names cross-referenced to the existing function names and the new sub-menus with the functions they contain.

<u>Enhanced Function</u>	<u>Existing Function</u>
Activity Research Tool (ART)	ATAM
Position Inquiry (POSM)	POS
Pending Activity (PNDM)	PEND
Risk Management Controls Inquiry (RMCM)	RMCI
Settlement Statement (SETP)	FFSP
<u>Sub-menus</u>	<u>Functions contained in sub-menu</u>
Security Segregation (SSEG)	SEG, RSEG, MSEG, INID, RNID
Collateral Classification (MANA)	DYNA, DYMA, NTNA, NTMA
Participant Exchange Services (PEX)	PEXB, PEXR, PEXM

From November 8, 2001 until January 10, 2002, the existing and enhanced functions will run in parallel and participants will be able to access both. On January 10, 2002, the existing functions will be disabled and only the enhanced functions will remain. After that date, Participants should access the enhanced functions through the SETT menu, but those who wish to enter an acronym should use POS, PEND, RMCI, ART and SETP (the new acronyms will revert back to the old acronyms except for ART and SETP).

Participants are strongly urged to familiarize themselves with the new functions during the two-month parallel period and to contact their relationship managers with any questions or comments. Participants can retrieve updated procedures for the enhanced functions by accessing DTC’s web site www.dtc.org or by contacting their relationship managers. Questions regarding this notice may be addressed to the undersigned at (212) 855-5906.

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