

THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY

IMPORTANT

B#: 9711

DATE: March 29, 2000

TO: All Participants and FAST Transfer Agents
FROM: Corporate Trust Services

ATTENTION: Operations and Administrative Management

SUBJECT: **DWAC Deposit 'Pend' Feature Implementation Date
Changed to April 27, 2000**

We advised participants by Important Notice B# 9685 and FAST transfer agents by Important Notice B# 9586 that the PTS Deposit/Withdrawal at Custodian (DWAC) function would soon allow up to three business days, including the day of the request, for agents to approve DWAC Deposits. Currently, participants must resubmit deposits on the following business day if agents do not approve or cancel them by 6:30 p.m. ET on the day of submission.

At the request of some participants, the enhancement to pend DWAC Deposits will be implemented April 27, 2000 to allow participants additional time to evaluate if changes to their internal processing systems will be needed. No changes have been made to existing DTC specifications, nor will there be new CCF/CCFII files resulting from the enhancement. Deposit transactions that have not been approved or canceled within the three-day window, will be dropped from DWAC and made available 'for inquiry only' on the next business day. If participants choose to delete pending items, they may do so within the window using current PTS functionality.

DWAC enables participants to submit Deposit and Withdrawal items directly to FAST transfer agents and receive same day updates, once agents have approved the requests. The three-day pend feature for DWAC Deposits was based on recommendations of a cross-industry working group of agents and participants, whose objective was to improve DWAC functionality. The pend feature will provide agents more time to acknowledge deposit requests and will reduce rework for participants. DWAC withdrawals will not be subject to the three-day pend feature and must be approved on the day submitted by 6:30 p.m. ET. Any questions regarding DWAC or this notice may be directed to Mr. Armando Di Biase, Manager, at (212) 855-4480.