

The Depository Trust Company

IMPORTANT

B#: 1464

DATE: February 09, 2001

TO: Participants

CATEGORY: Dividends

FROM: DTC - Dividend Department

ATTENTION: Partners, Cashiers Operations, Dividend & Reorg Managers

SUBJECT: New Fee for Foreign Currency Payment Elections Made
Through The Elective Dividend System, PTS Function EDS

Beginning with February's activity, DTC will begin billing \$16.26 for each Foreign Currency Payment (FCP) election made through The Elective Dividend System (EDS). The first charge for this service will appear in the February Billing Statement that will settle in early March.

DTC's FCP Service offers participants the ability to receive payment in the home currency on income associated with certain foreign denominated debt issues. Participants use EDS to instruct DTC on which portion of their entitlement should be paid in the home currency as well as where that payment should be sent.

DTC also offers FCP in Canadian dollars (CAD) on certain Canadian equity and debt. To utilize this service, participants need to have a relationship a participant of The Canadian Depository for Securities, LTD., (CDS). On payable date, CDS credits the CAD to the designated CDS participant account.

Please call Mario Zaccardi at (212) 855-4541 or Michael Ames at (212) 855-4535 if you have any questions.