

The Depository Trust Company

IMPORTANT

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TO: All Participants

CATEGORY: Executive Notices

FROM: Product Management

ATTENTION: Managing Partner/Officer, Operations Manager

SUBJECT: Billing Modernization

The Depository Trust Company (DTC) will be revising its monthly participant invoices to improve readability and usability.

In response to requests and comments from our customers, DTC will be converting all DTC invoices to a new, commercial billing system later this year. DTC's fees will not be changed and the amount of your invoice will be unaffected, however you can expect the following changes:

- A new invoice format that's designed to be easily read and understood.
- Invoice delivery by e-mail that's easier to view and print.
- An on-line archive of current and historical invoices that you can browse or download.
- Spreadsheet version of monthly invoice available on-line.
- Each line item on the invoice cross-referenced to the DTC Fee Schedule

As a first step towards deploying the revised invoice, DTC is announcing today the availability of a User's Guide to the DTC Fee Schedule. The User's Guide is available on-line at <http://www.dtc.org/dtctpublic/pdf/rulesandfees/dtcfeeguide.pdf> - it has been rewritten for readability and reorganized

for easier reference. The User's Guide introduces the concept of Fee Numbers. These numbers will also appear in the invoices to be produced by the new Billing system.

The new DTC invoices will be delivered to the e-mail addresses that we have on file for delivering the e-mail copies of your current DTC invoice. Please verify that our current invoice e-mails are reaching the appropriate people within your firm, or contact your relationship manager in order to update your e-mail address or sign up for invoice e-mail. With the deployment of the new Billing system, we will discontinue delivery of printed, paper copies of the DTC invoice. If you need a copy on paper, please print the copy you download or receive by e-mail. If no one from your company has signed up for email delivery of DTC invoices, we will continue to send you a paper copy, however we will anticipate a monthly charge for delivery of printed invoices starting in 2005.

In July 2004, DTC will issue another Important Notice with specific details on the impact of this change including the schedule for deployment. Please direct comments or questions about the Users Guide or any aspect of DTC's Billing Modernization program to Dwight Arthur, Product Manager for DTC Billing, at 212-855-1087 or Dwight.Arthur@dtcc.com or contact your Relationship Manager.