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Action Required **CI Bulkdata Sunset July 1, 2009**

The implementation of the Check 21 Act in late 2004, has spurred the use of new technology to collect checks, leading to the industry-wide improvements in the national check collection system. Customers of the Federal Reserve Banks continue to adapt to this changing environment and take advantage of the benefits enabled by the Check 21 Act through the use of the Federal Reserve Banks' Check 21 product suite. In support of the industry's movement toward realizing more efficient and cost-effective check clearing alternatives, in July 2007, the Federal Reserve Banks announced discontinuation of various Payor Bank Services and migration of customers to Check 21 presentment services.

As indicated in the February 2009, issue of *FedFocus*, this migration plan continues with the discontinuation of Computer Interface (CI)/Bulkdata Connections. The Federal Reserve Banks will sunset data communications in standard network architecture (SNA) environment, which utilizes Bulkdata to facilitate file transfers. Customers utilizing this utility will need to migrate to alternate means before July 1, 2009.

Our records indicate that your financial institution is still using the CI Bulkdata utility. Hopefully, your institution is well on its way to migrating to an alternate means to facilitate file transfers. If not, we encourage you to begin migration immediately to be able to meet the July 1, 2009, sunset date.

What do you need to do?

Customers who utilize Bulkdata connections are required to migrate to alternative means to facilitate the file transfers. In most cases, customers will move to Check 21-enabled Services over their corresponding communication channels. Customers using Bulkdata connections for services like Return or Retrieval Requests (RORR) will need to migrate to the FedLine Web[®] access solution.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with your institution as we jointly work toward creating a more effective and efficient check collection system. If you need additional information regarding the Federal Reserve Banks plans for its Payor Bank Services and its replacement Check 21 Service offerings, please visit FRBservices.org/communications/payor_conversions.html or contact your account executive. For detailed information about Check 21, visit FRBservices.org/serviceofferings/check/check_21.html.

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