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**Paper Check Processing Restructuring Update:  
Inbound Transportation from New Orleans to Atlanta to be eliminated on July 1, 2009  
New Orleans Deposit Relay Stations to be eliminated on July 1, 2009**

To Chief Operations Officers and Check Contacts at Depository Institutions in the **New Orleans** Zone:

Over the past several years, the Reserve Banks have been restructuring their paper check processing configuration in response to rapidly declining paper volumes. These actions have included the reduction in the number of check processing offices from 45 in November, 2003, to nine offices at the end of April, 2009.

Due to declining paper check deposits, inbound transportation from New Orleans to Atlanta will be eliminated on July 1, 2009. After that date, New Orleans depositors should deliver paper forward collection and return items by courier or mail to the Atlanta Office at the following address. The last day to drop off items at the New Orleans transit point will be Tuesday, June 30, 2009.

Courier Deliveries

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta  
1000 Peachtree Street, N.E.  
Atlanta, GA 30309-4470

Mail/UPS/FedEx Deliveries

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta  
Payment Services/Check Processing  
2301 DeFoor Hills Road  
Atlanta, GA 30318

**The Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Gulfport/Biloxi, Hattiesburg, Jackson, and Mobile deposit relay stations** also will be eliminated on July 1, 2009. The last day for these deposit relay stations will also be Tuesday, June 30, 2009.

The deposit deadlines for New Orleans items at the Atlanta Office are 12:01 a.m. ET Tuesday through Friday and 6 p.m. ET Sunday. Credit will be passed based on when items arrive at the Atlanta Office.

**Check 21-enabled Services**

If you've not already done so, I encourage you to explore the advantages of moving to the Federal Reserve Banks' Check 21-enabled Services including FedForward<sup>®</sup>, FedReturn<sup>®</sup>, FedReceipt<sup>®</sup> and FedReceipt for Returns to minimize the disruption that may occur as a result of the elimination of inbound transportation. New Orleans customers who are using Check 21-enabled Services will experience minimal change to their daily operation as a result of this action. As a reminder, Treasury items and postal money orders can be deposited in Check 21 FedForward cash letters.

Should you have questions or concerns, or to learn more about the advantages of moving from paper to full Check 21 electronic check processing, contact your account executive as soon as possible.

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