

(i.e., Federal Funds checks), U.S. Treasury Checks, Postal Money Orders, and U.S. Savings Bonds Deposited under the EZ-Clear Program by 4 p.m. ET receive credit for these items at 5 p.m. ET.

Analysis of Federal Funds Checks Presentment Deadline

The Board believes that establishing a consistent presentment deadline for Federal Funds checks in all Federal Reserve districts will help reduce the routine use of Federal Funds checks.¹ Federal Funds checks are an inappropriate means of providing regular access to an institution's Federal Reserve account and their routine use is contrary to the Federal Reserve's strategy of promoting efficient and effective methods of payment. In almost all cases where Federal Funds checks are used as the payment instrument, the transaction could have been made through a more secure and efficient method, such as a funds transfer network. To discourage the use of Federal Funds checks and encourage depository institutions' use of more efficient means of payment, a 3 p.m. local time presentment deadline for Federal Funds checks will be implemented.

Policy Statement on Payments System Risk

The Federal Reserve Board has adopted the following changes to the "Federal Reserve System Policy Statement on Payments System Risk," under the heading "I. Federal Reserve Policy":

Modified Procedures for Measuring Daylight Overdrafts

Post at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time:

- Treasury checks, postal money orders, and EZ-Clear Savings Bond redemptions in separately sorted deposits. These items must be deposited by 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.
- Local Federal Reserve Bank checks. These items must be presented before 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time.
- Processed manual letters of credit.

+/- Same-day ACH transactions. These transactions include ACH return items, check truncation items, and flexible settlement items.

¹ Federal Funds checks are drafts drawn by a depository institution against its account at a Federal Reserve Bank. These funds represent immediately available funds when presented for payment, and thus, when used, the checks are most often used to settle same-day securities transactions, interbank transfers, international transactions, real estate transactions, payments to state and local governments, Federal Reserve Bank transactions and for other situations where a bank check is required for legal reasons.

Post after the close of Fedwire funds transfer system:

+/- All other non-Fedwire transactions. These transactions include the following: local Federal Reserve Bank checks presented after 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time but before 3:00 p.m. local time; noncash collection; credits for U.S. Treasury and government agency definitive security interest and redemption payments if the coupons or securities are received on or after the maturity date; Treasury Tax and Loan (TT&L) calls; subscriptions for SLGS; currency and coin shipments; small-dollar credit adjustments; all debit adjustments; and small-dollar check collections. Discount window loans and repayments are normally posted after the close of Fedwire as well; however, in unusual circumstances a discount window loan may be posted earlier in the day with repayment 24 hours later, or a loan may be repaid before it would otherwise become due.

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, November 7, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: Approximately 10:45 a.m., Wednesday, November 19, 1997, following a recess at the conclusion of the open meeting.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.
2. Any matters carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may

contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.bog.frb.fed.us> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: November 12, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 19, 1997.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, C Street entrance between 20th and 21st Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Discussion Agenda:

1. Proposed 1998-1999 Federal Reserve Board budget.
2. Proposed 1998-1999 budget for the Office of Inspector General.
3. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

Note: This meeting will be recorded for the benefit of those unable to attend. Cassettes will be available for listening in the Board's Freedom of Information Office, and copies may be ordered for \$6 per cassette by calling 202-452-3684 or by writing to: Freedom of Information Office, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 for a recorded announcement of this meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.bog.frb.fed.us> for an electronic announcement. (The Web site also includes procedural and other information about the open meeting.)

Dated: November 12, 1997.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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