



## **COMING SOON: SAME DAY PAYMENTS**

As part of an effort to improve and modernize the U.S. payment system, you may have already noticed a change in the times during the day that we apply electronic Direct Deposits to your account. This change was made to help provide you with faster access to funds for same-day Direct Deposits to your account. Beginning on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 NACHA, The Electronic Payments Association responsible for the rules surrounding direct deposits and electronic withdrawals, will change the times that we apply certain electronic debit payments to your account.<sup>1</sup>

Many merchants and billing companies may offer you the option to make a same-day electronic payment, such as to pay a bill or to transfer funds. If you agree, then the funds might be debited from your account as soon as that very same day. For example, if you have a bill due on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month, the billing company might allow you to call or use its website on the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup> to make an on-time payment. Your funds will then be debited from your account on the 25<sup>th</sup>. While these types of payments won't be reflected on your account balance as quickly as your debit card and ATM transactions, you will have access to more accurate information about your actual available balance more frequently throughout the business day.

<sup>1</sup>These electronic debits are more commonly known as Direct Payment, Direct Debit, ACH Debit, Electronic Check or e-Check, and similar terms. They are different from your debit card payments and ATM transactions.

## **WHAT MEMBERS SHOULD KNOW**

1. You should understand that when you authorize a merchant or biller to debit your account, the merchant or biller should include information or a statement about the timing of the payment. If the merchant or biller offers you the option to make a same-day payment, it might be referred to as a same-day payment, or noted that the merchant or biller intends to collect the funds as quickly as possible.
2. If you have pre-authorized an electronic payment, such as a recurring mortgage or insurance payment, then it is very likely there will be no change to the time that these payments are posted to your account. As always, G.E.C.U. will receive and post these payments normally as designated by the transaction effective date.
3. You should always have sufficient funds in your account to cover every payment you make, authorize, or initiate, and you should frequently review your account statements and transactions.

If you should have any questions regarding these changes, please reach out to the credit union at (608) 785-7720 and ask to speak to any of our ACH personnel on staff. We are more than happy to explain these changes to you.