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NCUA Posts Overdraft Fee Notice for Credit Unions to Inform Members

Members Must “Opt In” by August 15

August 3, 2010, Alexandria, Va. – The National Credit Union Administration has posted the Federal Reserve Board’s sample notice – ***What You Need to Know about Overdrafts and Overdraft Fees*** – for credit unions to send to members in time to meet notification requirements under the Fed’s revised Regulation E.

The Fed’s sample notice offers a succinct explanation of the options available to protect consumers in the event their account is overdrawn.

“I strongly encourage credit unions to notify members of their opportunity to „opt in“ to overdraft protection before the August 15 deadline,” said NCUA Chairman Debbie Matz. “To assist in this process, NCUA has posted the Federal Reserve Board’s sample opt-in notice. This easy-to-understand notice was created to raise consumers’ awareness of overdraft fees, as well as options available to reduce those fees.”

While credit unions are not required to use the sample notice, it is a convenient way to provide the required notice to members.

The sample Federal Reserve Board Regulation E Sample Opt-in Notice is available on NCUA’s website at:
[click here.](#)

The Federal Reserve Board issued final rules in November 2009 to prohibit financial institutions from charging consumers fees for paying overdrafts on automated teller machine (ATM) transactions and one-time debit card transactions, unless consumers opt in to overdraft services for those types of transactions. For more information, credit unions can review the rule and the Federal Reserve Board’s “Regulation E Highlights” online at: <http://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/press/bcreg/20091112a.htm>.

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