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TO: The Chief Operating Officer of each
financial institution and others concerned
in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District

SUBJECT

Freeze on Electronic Connection Activities

DETAILS

As you finalize your Year 2000 contingency plans for access to Federal Reserve services, please be aware that the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas must receive requests by October 1, 1999, for new electronic connections that are to be implemented this year. In addition, changes to existing connections cannot be accepted from December 18, 1999, through January 15, 2000. The freeze on these connection activities will allow the Federal Reserve to avoid last-minute changes that could divert our focus on maintaining reliable services for all our customers as we approach the end of 1999 and the transition to 2000.

Although this policy will be defined in the forthcoming *Century Date Change Bulletin No. 8*, we wanted to provide you with an earlier notice so that you can plan accordingly for the freeze. Please note that new contingency connection requests must be submitted by October 1, and the connections must be tested well in advance of the end of the year. Also, if you intend to make any changes to your current service offering (for example, requesting access to new services on an existing terminal), such requests must be submitted before December 18, 1999. The freeze will be lifted after January 15, 2000.

The Federal Reserve will make every effort to accommodate the connectivity requirements of all financial institutions in the event of an emergency or extenuating circumstances.

MORE INFORMATION

For assistance with implementing any connection changes or for answers to any questions regarding this policy, please contact the Fedline support help desk at one of the following numbers:

Dallas	(214) 922-6161 or (800) 333-1672
El Paso	(915) 521-8205 or (800) 846-6858
Houston	(713) 652-9111 or (800) 392-4162
San Antonio	(210) 978-1200 or (800) 292-5810

Sincerely,