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**Originator Watch List Now Available
New Risk-Management Tool for ODFIs**

TO: Direct Financial Institution Members
Regional Payments Associations
ACH Operators

CC: Board of Directors

FROM: NACHA Member Communications

ACTION REQUESTED

This communication is for informational purposes and provides important risk-management material. It should be shared with financial institutions only. Regional Payments Associations and the ACH Operators may make this communication available to financial institutions via secure means, such as password-protected sites.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

NACHA's Originator Watch List is now available for access by all financial institutions, the Regional Payments Associations, and the ACH Operators.

The Originator Watch List, a component of NACHA's strategic risk-management framework for the ACH Network, identifies Originators and Third-Party Senders that meet certain specified risk criteria. Designed to augment existing assessment and decision-making measures, ODFIs are encouraged to consider this information as a part of their underwriting and risk-management procedures. Inclusion of entities on the Originator Watch List does not introduce or imply any prohibition on initiating entries for entities listed.

In order to access the Originator Watch List, individuals must have an active NACHA User Profile. To set up a User Profile, [visit the NACHA website](#). Once you have set up a User Profile and received and responded to the confirmation email, you can register to access the Originator Watch List ([see instructions below](#)). You will need to agree to the Originator Watch List Terms of Use each time you view the List.

Instructions on Originator Watch List Registration

1. Create or log into your NACHA website account.
2. Click on the [Risk and Compliance](#) tab.
3. Click on the link to access the [Originator Watch List](#) information page.
4. Navigate to the Originator Watch List [registration](#) page.
5. When the registration page appears, make sure all pre-filled fields on the registration page are correct as shown. You can make changes to the pre-filled fields by going to the [User Profile](#) page. Financial

institutions enter their routing number and Regional Payment Associations and the ACH Operators enter all 9s in the routing number field.

6. Once submitted, your registration will be authenticated by NACHA.
7. Once authenticated, users will receive an email from NACHA stating that they have been approved to access the Originator Watch List. Users will then be able to access the Originator Watch List after logging in to their NACHA website account.
8. Users must electronically sign and agree to the Originator Watch List Terms of Use each time the Originator Watch List is accessed.

Remember to add nachawebserver@nacha.org to your 'safe' or 'trusted' list so that you receive email updates regarding the Originator Watch List. An email may be sent to registered users when the Originator Watch List is updated or when the Terms of Use are updated.