

## Direct Deposit of Dividends

Wells Fargo Shareowner Services (WFSS) is authorized to deposit my dividend payments for all companies that I am a registered shareowner of that offer Direct Deposit, and for which WFSS acts as Paying Agent. The Direct Deposit will be made by electronic funds transfer in the United States financial institution account indicated below. WFSS is authorized to initiate corrections to any amounts transferred in error and any claim against WFSS or the financial institution involved is waived with respect to the operation of this service. This authorization will remain in effect until WFSS receives notice to revise or terminate it. WFSS and the financial institution reserve the right to terminate this service at any time. It is my responsibility to notify WFSS of changes in financial institution information.

Account Number:

Change my address as indicated below:

Check one:  Checking  Savings

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Bank Account Number

A voided check MUST be included for checking.  
A deposit slip MUST be included for savings.

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ABA/Routing Number  
(nine-digit number starting with 0, 1, 2 or 3)

All Registered Owners MUST Sign.\*

Name(s):

X

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Address:

X

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\*If the name(s) on your bank account is different from the name(s) on your Shareholder account, your signature(s) must be notarized.

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## Frequently Asked Questions about Direct Deposit of Dividends through Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Dividend Disbursing Agent

### Why should I sign up for Direct Deposit?

• **To get your money faster.**

Your dividend is available to you early on payment date. There is no waiting for the check to arrive in the mail.

• **To simplify your life.**

You don't have to sign or deposit checks — your dividend is automatically credited to your account. If you are traveling or ill, your dividend is available to you on payment date. It's one less thing you have to handle.

• **To be safe.**

There are no checks to be lost, stolen or delayed. Direct Deposit is the safe, sure way to get paid.

• **To save time.**

No more special trips to the bank to make a deposit. With Direct Deposit, you have time to spare.

**Q. What is a "routing number" or "ABA number"?**

A. It is an identification number assigned to the bank or bank branch at which your checking or savings account is located. It is usually a 9-digit computer number that is located at the bottom of your check or savings deposit slip. A routing number must start with a 0, 1, 2 or 3. You will need to contact your Bank to obtain the correct routing number for your checking or savings account if the routing number on your deposit slip does not start with a 0, 1, 2 or 3.

**Q. I consider how much money I receive in dividends to be confidential information. Will Direct Deposit infringe on my confidentiality?**

A. No. In fact, it may enhance it. Dividend information goes directly from our department to your financial institution electronically. No one can see your check when you open it, sign it or deposit it.

**Q. If I don't deposit my dividend check to my account myself, how do I know for sure the money is available? I don't want my checks to bounce.**

A. Direct Deposit is truly more reliable than checks. But it may take some time to get used to it and become confident in it. Your dividend payment will be in your account each payment date. For the first payment or two, you might want to call your bank and verify the deposit, for your own peace of mind. Soon you'll take it for granted that your money is there.

**Q. Do I have to open an account in a certain bank?**

A. No. Most banks, credit unions and savings and loans offer Direct Deposit. Chances are the financial institution where you have your account is one of them. Call them and ask.

**Q. What if I want to change banks or accounts?**

A. The shareholder assistance unit will be glad to help you make changes to your Direct Deposit program at any time.

**Q. Without a bank deposit slip, how do I reconcile my checkbook?**

A. Your bank statement will show the details of each Direct Deposit.

**Q. Can I have my dividend deposited to my savings account rather than my checking account?**

A. Yes. Your dividend will be deposited to whichever account you specify when you sign up.

**Q. Without a check, how will I know the amount of my dividend?**

A. Your checking or savings statement will show the amount of your dividend deposit.

**Q. If I sign up for Direct Deposit, will it start immediately?**

A. Direct Deposit will begin with the next dividend payment, provided your authorization is received before the dividend record date.

**Q. Can I stop Direct Deposit?**

A. Yes. You can go back to dividend checks any time you wish. But, once you see how convenient and reliable Direct Deposit is, we don't think you'll ever want the inconvenience of checks again.

**Q. Who can answer additional questions?**

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