



## Same-Day ACH\* Debits: What This Change Means for You!

### **Starting September 15, 2017, withdrawals to your account may come out faster than before!**

An upcoming change in the way payments are processed through the Federal Reserve will allow ACH payments and deposits in the United States to go through on the same day you pay them. This starts on **September 15, 2017.**

Same Day Automated Clearing House (ACH) Debits are useful for paying loan payments and other obligations faster, but this also means any ACH (electronic) transaction could post to your account immediately. Previously, it might have posted to your account in 2-3 days. The transaction could be deducted from your account the same day. To avoid overdraft or insufficient fund fees, please make sure the balance in your account is enough to pay any debits or withdrawals you have written or authorized.

For example, when paying your utility bill with a check it could be converted to an electronic ACH payment by the electric company. Before, the check could have taken 2 business days to be deducted from your account; after September 15, 2017, the utility company could send the check to your account for payment on the same day it was received or delivered to the utility company.

### **3 Tips to be Prepared:**

1. **Don't assume funds will clear the day after purchase:** Habits can be hard to break. Get in the habit now of planning for funds to clear at the time you authorize the transaction.
2. **Check your share draft balance:** Keeping a low balance can have a negative impact in the event a same-day ACH debit overdraws your account and incurs a fee. Even with overdraft protection, keeping your account balance at a level that supports your spending is the best way to keep your account in the green.
3. **Ask questions.** We are here to help! As always, please contact us at (337) 989-2800 or (866) 989-2800, or stop into one of our branches to ask any questions you may have!

\*Automated Clearing House (ACH) is an electronic network used to digitally process many financial transactions. These include both ongoing payments and one-time payments. Any transaction where you have given your routing number and account number to a merchant to process an item is eligible for ACH. Direct Deposit payroll and Remote Deposit Capture are processed through ACH. ACH debits may include checks converted to ACH, credit card payments, utility bills, loan payments, etc.