

# Same Day ACH Services

## **For faster payments.**

ACH transactions are received by your customers and suppliers the same day you initiate them.

Most ACH transactions are sent to the bank a day or two before their settlement date. Now, ACH transactions may be sent and posted on the same day to accounts at receiving depository financial institutions (RDFIs).<sup>1</sup> By accelerating funds transfers with Same Day ACH, you may enhance customer, supplier and employee goodwill.

## **What is a Same Day ACH credit or debit?**

A Same Day ACH<sup>2</sup> credit or debit, which is in the amount of \$100,000 or less, is sent and received on its settlement date. Same Day ACH transactions are generally sent and received by different banks. Same Day ACH transactions are received in the afternoon or evening, as opposed to the following morning.

## **Benefits of originating Same Day ACH Credits**

For example, you may:

- Submit Same Day ACH credits to the bank and pay employees on the same day, if you miss your usual payroll deadline
- Expedite customer refunds by a business day
- Choose to pay claim reimbursements to customers in one business day
- Pay suppliers in a day, which may help to avoid late fees
- Transfer funds between accounts at different banks, on the same business day

## **Benefits of originating Same Day ACH Debits**

You may offer your customers the option to pay for goods and services on the same day. By doing so, you create convenience and value for them. For example, your customer may pay a bill on its due date.<sup>3</sup> When customers choose to pay on the same day as their purchase, this may enable expedited delivery of goods and services.

## **How to originate a Same Day ACH transaction**

1. Assess the uses and benefits of Same Day ACH origination within your organization.
2. When you determine that the service is right for you, ask us to enable Same Day ACH origination service.
3. Be sure to obtain authorization for the ACH transactions from your receiving customers and suppliers. The NACHA Rules describe what is required to gain authorization from the Receiver.
4. ACH transactions are identified for Same Day ACH origination based on the following criteria:
  - **Service** – The service must be enabled
  - **Effective Entry Date** – Submit ACH transactions to the bank with a same-business-day Effective Entry Date
  - **Time of receipt** – Transactions must be received by our Same Day ACH Off-Ups input deadline
  - **Eligibility** – Transactions in the amount of \$100,000 or less, excluding Off-Ups IATs

## Receiving Same Day ACH credits and debits

While most ACH transactions are received and reported in the morning, Same Day ACH transactions are received later in the day. There is the potential for businesses to send Same Day ACH credits and debits to your account.

It may be helpful to prepare for the potential to receive Same Day ACH debits by taking actions, such as:

- Identifying trading partners who are authorized to debit your account and anticipated debit dates
- Retaining balances sufficient to fund debits

We generally expect to report Same Day ACH debits as received in business accounts around 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern.

## Receiving ACH transactions – Pay or return

For incoming ACH debits that were not previously authorized by you, we recommend ACH Positive Pay or ACH Block and Authorization Services to help enable automatic return of unauthorized debits:

- With ACH Positive Pay, you define trading partners who are authorized to send ACH debits and/or credits to your account(s). We report incoming, unauthorized ACH transactions online throughout the day, which you can choose to pay or return online.
- With ACH Block and Authorization services, you define trading partners that are authorized to send ACH debits and/or credits to your account(s). Incoming ACH transactions from authorized trading partners are honored and all other ACH transactions are returned.

## ACH Positive Pay service

- We generally expect to report Same Day ACH debits as received around 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern.
- To learn when final Positive Pay exceptions are available to pay or return, ACH Positive Pay will display messages beginning at 4 p.m. Eastern.
- For exceptions you want to pay, submit your pay<sup>2</sup> decision on ACH Positive Pay service by 6 p.m. Eastern.
- For exceptions you want to return, consistent with our current practice, ACH Positive Pay exceptions that are not paid<sup>4</sup> by the deadline will be returned.

## Work with a global leader

As a long-time leader in treasury management services with a powerful global platform, we welcome the opportunity to put our ACH services to work for you. To learn more, including terms and conditions that may apply, contact your Bank of America representative.

<sup>1</sup> Transactions destined for non-Bank of America accounts must be in the amount of \$100,000 or less, excluding international transactions.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes international transactions (IAT).

<sup>3</sup> Same Day ACH entries are subject to NACHA return Rules.

<sup>4</sup> And, when applicable, dual approved.