

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Depository Trust Company



#: 5407-09
Date: 09/09/2009
To: All Participants
Category: Dividends
From: Supervisor, Stock Dividend Department
Attention: Dividend Managers, Cashiers, and Reorganization Managers
Subject: Rights: Center Bancorp Inc
CUSIP: 151408101 Rights Contra CUSIP: 151408986 R/D: 09/01/2009
Expires: 9/30/2009 no later than 5:00 P.M. EST time unless extended
Rate: one Rights for every one share held.

*****WARNING TIME CRITICAL*****

Center Bancorp Inc is issuing non-transferable Rights to holders as of close of business on 09/01/2009 (Record Date). Each holder is entitled to one Right for every one share held. The Rights expires on 09/30/2009 no later than 5:00 P.M. EST unless extended.

No Fractions entitlement

DTC anticipates releasing Rights 09/09/2009.

THE DIVIDEND POSITION AND ALLOCATION HISTORY (DPAL) OPTION, ACCESSED VIA THE PTS DIVIDEND ANNOUNCEMENTS INQUIRY FUNCTION (DIVA), SHOULD BE USED TO CONFIRM YOUR RECORD DATE POSITION HISTORY.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PARTICIPANTS REFER TO THE DTC REORGANIZATION INQUIRY FOR PARTICIPANTS (RIPS), FUNCTION CODE 59, FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE SUBSCRIPTION PRIVILEGE AND ANY EXTENSIONS TO THE EXPIRATION DATE.

If participants have any questions regarding this Important Notice, they may contact DTC's Customer Help Center at (888) 382-2721.

If participants have questions about this Rights offering, please contact the subscription Agent, Registrar and Transfer Company. at 800-368-5948.

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