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GCA VS Newsletter, DTCC's Global Corporate Actions Update, is a periodic email newsletter about global corporate actions from The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC), the leading source of corporate actions announcements in the world. The GCA VS Newsletter keeps our customers, vendor partners and other market participants apprised of key developments within DTCC and the industry that impact global corporate action announcements.

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Intra-day Feeds from DTC

At the request of its customers, GCA VS has started the design work to both take in intra-day feeds from The Depository Trust Company (DTC) and to publish the intra-day data out to its clients.

Currently, GCA VS accepts delivery, once a day, of various DTC files which span dividend, redemption and reorganization events.

Real-time changes to the underlying data can be seen by those DTC customers with Participant Terminal System (PTS) and Participant Browser System (PBS) access, but would not appear on the GCA VS publication files until the next day.

To address this issue and to distribute information more quickly to its customers, GCA VS is building an interface with DTC to accept the intra-day data, and is doubling the number of outbound “publication cycles” to allow distribution of the data.

According to Chad Richman, director of Product Management for GCA, customer firms will not have to make any changes to their files to get the additional information, although they may want to change their subscription options and sign up for additional intra-day feeds.

The enhanced service is expected to go into production early in the first quarter of 2008.



Structured Securities Data on Tap

GCA VS is developing the capability to feed information on so-called “structured securities” from DTC to GCA VS clients.

Structured securities include collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs), collateralized debt obligations (CDOs) and asset backed securities (ABSs). Structured securities were the only relevant asset class that was not included in the scheduled payments release implemented for GCA VS earlier this year.

According to Chad Richman, director, GCA Product Management, “most structured securities in the U.S. are book-entry only, and DTC is the principal and fastest information source for the market. A number of our customers have requested information on DTC eligible structured securities, and, as DTC is the best place for us to get this data, we are in a good position to be able to provide it on the GCA VS publication feed.”

DTCC recently came out with a white paper which proposed a number of solutions to existing processing problems, such as post-payment adjustments.

“That problem is being dealt with by DTC,” Richman said. “We will just be passing their data on to our customers with the best information DTC has at that moment.”

The structured securities release will be implemented in January 2008, after DTCC's usual December code freeze has lifted, and will be provided on the GCA VS publication files to customers subscribing to the “scheduled payments” option. This option is currently offered at no additional cost.



Re-Engineering Transition Plan Released

DTCC issued its transition plan for the re-engineering of its depository's corporate actions processing systems in early October. While most of the changes relate to participants of Depository Trust Company (DTC), who must make major changes in their own systems to be able to work with the new corporate actions processing system, GCA VS customers will also be required to make changes to handle corporate actions announcements.

“We will be moving from our existing proprietary format for announcements to the XML and ISO 15022 formats in order to be compatible with the new processing system,” said Chad Richman, director, GCA Product Management. “We have posted the transition plan, the new layout for files in XML and ISO, and other documentation that GCA VS customers will need. Phase 1 of the transition plan involves announcements, so that is what GCA VS customers will have to focus on.”

The new formats will allow GCA VS to pass along the complete DTC record information in tagged fields to customer firms. Currently, some of that data must be dropped or put in free-form text fields. “It will effectively allow GCA VS to become the announcement service for corporate actions for DTC,” Richman said. “The new system will also support MQ messages, which means we will be able to send out information more frequently and make it available on a more timely basis to our customers.”

Testing for the announcement phase of the re-engineering project is scheduled to begin for customers in the third quarter of 2009, with full scale production available in February 2010. However, Richman noted that firms who needed to transition at a slower rate could do so, since the old system would continue to be supported until 2012.

The new documentation is available on the DTCC.com web site at:

http://www.dtcc.com/leadership/issues/reengineering/corp_actions/specs-overview.php



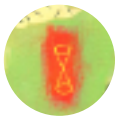
Getting Customer Feedback on Inquiries

When you call or e-mail our Customer Help Desk with an inquiry or an issue related to GCA VS, after the Help Desk ticket has been resolved and closed, you will likely receive a short survey form asking you to rate how we performed.

The simple survey asks for your rating on whether we provided an accurate response, whether we resolved your problem in a timely fashion, whether we treated you in a professional manner, and whether there was commitment and urgency on our behalf.

The survey takes only a few seconds to complete, but it helps us make very important adjustments to our operations.

So, if and when you get a survey form, please don't ignore it. By completing it, you will be helping us to better serve you.



Upcoming Industry Events

DTCC will be attending, speaking and/or exhibiting at many industry conferences throughout 2007 to inform you of how its Global Corporations Actions Validation Service can help you manage your Corporate Actions processing needs more efficiently and with less risk. We look forward to seeing you at these and other events.

Oct. 8-10 – New York – ACSDA Leadership Forum

Oct. 14 – San Antonio – Bank Depository Users Group Annual Meeting

Oct. 25 – New York – Financial Technologies Forum Corporate Actions Conference

Nov. 6 – New York – Securities Operations Forum Corporate Actions Conference

November – New York – SIFMA Corporate Actions Conference

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