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SUBJECT: Changes in DESC Billing Procedures

Beginning with the October 2002 billing, DESC customers will be receiving up to three bills per month. The number of bills received by a customer will depend both upon the customer and where the customer purchased the product. This letter will discuss billing procedures that existed prior to the October 2002 billing and the implementation of a new Enterprise level system at DESC that could result in multiple bills being received by customers in one month.

Background

On February 1, 2001, DESC implemented the FAS Enterprise Server (FES) as part of its effort to develop a system to manage its new retail mission. The FES, also known as the Purple Hub, gathers transactions uploaded to it from Fuels Control Center (FCC) users, as well as from FES02, AVCARD and Voyager. The FES rolls multiple similar transactions into one, based upon certain criteria, and assigns a MILSTRIP document number (AVCARD and Voyager transactions are not rolled up but are sent one-for-one). The obligation data is then transmitted to Military Service legacy systems, and the transaction is also transmitted to the Defense Fuels Automated Management System (DFAMS), which bills customers on a monthly basis. In order to identify transactions that processed through the FES, "FF" was placed in the 11th and 12th positions of the constructed MILSTRIP document number. Only locations where FES is deployed will be able to transmit transactions in this manner.

Locations that do not have the FES deployed to them will send their transactions directly to DFAMS via the DADS portion of the FCC. Billable transactions without an "FF" MILSTRIP document number are transactions that processed directly into DFAMS from the FCC. Service legacy systems do not receive an obligation data feed for these transactions.

DESC customers could purchase fuel from an FES and a non-FES location in a given month. In order to assist the Military Services in matching their bills to their obligations, DESC began sending two Interfund bills to Military Service customers with the June 2001 billing out of DFAMS. One bill contains transactions input directly into DFAMS. The other bill contains transactions processed via the FES. The FES bill could then be readily matched to the obligations established by the Service legacy systems, using the obligation data feed from the FES. This change did not affect non-Interfund (1080) bills; they continue to be merged together.

In order to assist in the identification of AVCARD and Voyager local purchase transactions that were processing through the FES, DESC implemented a change in the MILSTRIP document number construction performed by the FES, in August 2002. Therefore, in addition to the "FF" in the 11th and 12th positions of the MILSTRIP document number, "FA" and "FV"

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are now used in the 11th and 12th positions to identify AVCARD and Voyager transactions respectively. As a result, the FES bill generated by DFAMS will contain "FF", "FA", and "FV" transactions.

Implementation of FAS

On October 1, 2002, DESC implemented Energy Downstream/Oracle Government Financials (ED/OGF), which is the Enterprise level portion of FAS and is the replacement for DFAMS. This first implementation will affect specific Bulk Fuels for locations in the western part of the U.S. to include Alaska and Hawaii. Therefore, customers who purchase JP8, JP5, JP4, JAB, or F76 in the implementation area will receive a billing from FAS, and a billing out of DFAMS. The billings will not be duplicative. A billable transaction will go either to DFAMS or to FAS, never to both systems. Replacement of DFAMS will occur gradually, as DESC implements more segments of its business in the new system. Since both DFAMS and FAS will perform billing, there will be a period of time when customers could receive up to three bills in one month from DESC.

FAS will perform billing only for transactions transmitted to it. In order to distinguish between bills generated from DFAMS and bills generated by FAS, two different bill number series will be used. DFAMS will continue to use the Axxxx through Mxxxx series to indicate bills for October through September of a given fiscal year. FAS will use the Nxxxx through Zxxxx series for the same time periods. A reference sheet is attached to this letter to assist customers in identifying bill numbers to a particular month.

All transactions recorded in FAS are sent to it via the FES, therefore, obligation data for all these transactions will have been sent to Service legacy systems. Starting with October 2002, customers will need to add the FES bill from DFAMS for a given month to the bill from FAS for the same month, in order to match the month's obligations created by the Service legacy systems using the obligation data provided by the FES.

As FES deployment and FAS implementation continue, customers will have the possibility of receiving multiple bills. Once FAS implementation is complete for all customer-related transactions, DFAMS will no longer generate bills. At that time, another notification will go out to DESC customers indicating the billing procedures that will be followed from that point forward.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

Attachment 1

Bill Number Reference Sheet

BILL NUMBERS		
Month	DFAMS	FAS
Oct	A	N
Nov	B	P
Dec	C	Q
Jan	D	R
Feb	E	S
Mar	F	T
Apr	G	U
May	H	V
Jun	J	W
Jul	K	X
Aug	L	Y
Sep	M	Z