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TOPIC: TWCC EDI Y2K REMEDIATION AND TESTING

Attached is a letter from the TWCC, which outlines the TWCC's Year 2000 (Y2K) remediation and testing program for EDI Trading Partners and Carriers. This testing program will be completed by September 20, 1999. *Be advised, if your EDI Trading Partner has any EDI submissions rejected after the Y2K testing for failing to meet TWCC/IAIABC date field edits you (the carrier) will be subject to administrative penalties.* A schedule of the Y2K test format and requirements follows:

TWCC will participate in Y2K compliance testing with any Trading Partner who requests such testing. Any request for testing needs to be submitted no later than July 31, 1999. All testing will be completed by September 20, 1999. After testing, Trading Partners must provide the TWCC with a letter of certification that the Trading Partner is Y2K compliant for its EDI submission to the Commission. Please ensure that you (the Carrier) receive and maintain a copy of the letter certifying that your trading partner is Y2K compliant.

Should a Trading Partner elect not to participate in Y2K testing, TWCC requests a written statement to that effect on company letterhead, signed by an officer of the organization. Trading partners must provide the TWCC with a letter of certification that the Trading Partner is Y2K compliant for its EDI submission to the Commission. Please ensure that you (the Carrier) also receive and maintain a copy of the letter certifying that your trading partner is Y2K compliant.

If a trading partner both declines to participate in Y2K testing and does not provide the written Y2K statement within 30 days of this letter, then the Insurance Carrier under contract with that trading partner will be subject to administrative penalty assessments, pursuant to the Texas Labor Code Chapter 415, for each EDI transaction which is rejected because it does not meet TWCC/IAIABC date field edits and exceeds the requirements for timely filing.

Test requirements will be forwarded to Carriers and Trading Partners when their point of contact information has been received by the TWCC. Please provide the Commission Y2K Coordinator (Phil Darby) with your company's EDI point of contact information. This information should include the telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address of the Carrier/Trading Partner EDI Y2K point of contact. This information should be forwarded to Phil Darby via telephone at (512) 912-2633, or via email at pdarby@twcc.state.tx.us

To request placement of your organization on the testing schedule, please contact Randall Buckwalter at (512) 440-3687 or email rbuckwalter@twcc.state.tx.us

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FO&L will keep you advised of further developments in this area, both through advisories and FOLIO articles, and our EDI staff will contact you if necessary. **If you have any questions about these EDI issues please call the FO&L EDI Coordinator (512/435-2266).**