#### 1. Introduction

This document explains "what's new" with the next release of the Secure Payment System (SPS RelP 16.0) from the perspective of SPS DEO and CO user roles. This new release provides many functional enhancements to the SPS Application. This document also contains information about upcoming changes to SPS, and to the list of supported operating systems and Java Plug-ins.

This new release is expected to be in production on Monday February 28, 2011.

### 2. What's New

## DEO and CO Roles – "Streaming Extracts for Certified Schedules" Enhancement extended to all Schedule-Types

Continuing with the FMS modernization effort (Payment Application Modernization Effort) for its payment processing system, SPS is now ready to stream certified schedules of all types to FMS back-end processing systems instead of the current processes of "Legacy Extracts" ("Print Extracts" and "Payment Extracts"). This change will be introduced, step-by-step, to one agency at a time and is expected to be completed by the middle of year 2011. When a particular agency is transitioned to the "Streaming Extract Mechanism", certified Check and ACH schedules are immediately streamed to "Auto-Extracted" state and will show up in the "View Extracted Schedules" screen. Finally, towards the end of year 2011, SDPR certified schedules for all agencies will be streamed as well.

Consequently, Data Entry Operators and Certifying Officers will see, in the "View Extracted Schedules" screen (see Figure 1), Check and ACH schedules with "Stream Disposition" and "Stream Sequence Number" columns containing data for those schedules. The Stream Disposition column shall show the text "IN PROGRESS" while the streaming operation is in progress and shall show the text "SUCCESS" when streaming operation is completed.

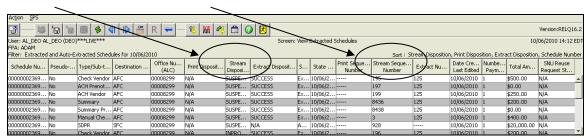


Figure 1: "View Extracted Schedules" with the new column "Stream Disposition"

When a particular agency is transitioned to the "Streaming Extract Mechanism", the "Extract Disposition" and "Print Disposition" columns will contain "N/A" after successful streaming for all schedules. The "Stream Disposition" column will contain

"SUCCESS" after successful streaming of all schedules. If a certified schedule does not show "SUCCESS" disposition after 60 minutes, please contact your servicing RFC.

**Note for Certifying Officers:** Once your agency schedules are transitioned over to the streaming mechanism, you will not have the ability to un-certify a schedule that is certified.

# DEO and CO Roles – Enhancements to "Schedule Number Reuse" Functionality

Data Entry Operators and Certifying Officers will see, in the "View Extracted Schedules" screen (see Figure 2), a new column showing the "SNU Reuse Request Status" for Summary-type Schedules containing the current status of the Schedule Number Reuse Request action ("PENDING", "APPROVED", "DENIED" or "N/A").

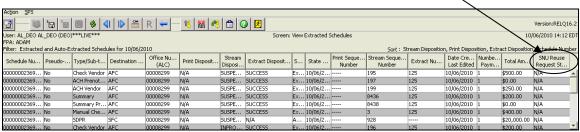


Figure 2: "View Extracted Schedules" with the new column "SNU Reuse Request Status"

In addition, Certifying Officers, at the time of making a Schedule Number Reuse Request, can enter comments to describe the reason for making such a request (for example, "Payment Amount was incorrect") to help your RFC to process the request expeditiously. See Figure 3.



Figure 3: Comment Text Box in the "Request Removal of SNU Entry Confirmation" popup

### All Roles – Java Plug-in version support for SPS

SPS supports Java Plug-in versions 1.6.0\_20 and 1.5.0\_11. While version 1.5.0\_11 is installed when SPS Self-Contained Installation is used, 1.6.0\_20 is the installed version for SPS Web Installations.

Note that SPS no longer supports the Java Plug-in versions 1.3.x\_y or 1.4.x\_y.

## 3. Upcoming Changes to SPS

The next release of SPS is expected to offer modifications arising from the "Government Wide Accounting Modernization" (GWA) efforts currently underway at FMS.

Windows XP (with latest patches and updates) is the only supported Operating System for SPS. The support for Windows XP is expected to continue for the foreseeable future. SPS does not support Windows Vista. The support for Windows 7 is expected to be available by May 2011. Please refer to SPS Website <a href="http://www.fms.treas.gov/sps">http://www.fms.treas.gov/sps</a> for additional information.

### 4. For More Information

Please contact your servicing RFC (Regional Financial Center) for any questions, concerns or additional information.