Effective March 14, 2011, the Federal Reserve Banks will extend the operating hours for pledging collateral held at the Depository Trust Company until 5:00 pm ET for collateral pledged for Federal Reserve and Treasury purposes.

What is changing?
Operating Hours for pledging and withdrawing collateral held at the Depository Trust Company will be extended for two additional hours starting Monday, March 14. The hours of operation will be 8:00 am ET until 5:00 pm ET. In addition, depository institutions will have the ability to request an extension up to 6:00 pm ET to accommodate late day collateral repositioning.

Why is this important to my institution?
A longer operating day will more closely mirror the Fedwire® operating day to allow your institution to actively manage its collateral levels to offset any fees associated with daylight overdrafts and to position collateral later in the day to facilitate a discount window advance.

Does my institution need to make any changes?
Your institution will not need to make any changes. To request an extension beyond 5:00 pm ET, your institution will need to contact its local Reserve Bank.

Where can I get more information?
More details can be found in the Collateral Guidelines posted on the Discount Window & Payment System Risk website. If you have additional questions, please contact your local Reserve Bank.