

# On the CUTTING EDGE

News about the Electronic Data Gathering Enterprise system coming soon.

North Carolina Reinsurance Facility

Circular Letter to All Member Companies

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## EDGE Progress Report

### FTP Testing Deadline March 14, 2008

Phase Two of the EDGE system implementation is nearly complete! Over recent months, the FTP Team at the Reinsurance Facility, with support from AIPSO, has worked with each of the member companies to set up secure File Transfer Protocol (FTP) connections for electronic data transmissions.

This is an important milestone for the EDGE project in preparing companies for the new way in which they will do business with the Facility. All qualifying companies are either already in FTP production, currently testing, or scheduled to complete testing by March 14, 2008.

Once approved, companies transmit all electronic Facility data (Cessions, Premiums, Losses, and Loss Reserve detail and summaries, and Recoupment summaries) via FTP to the Facility. In a process transparent to the companies, the Facility currently receives and forwards these files to AIPSO for processing until EDGE goes live. Once EDGE goes live, companies will already be routinely submitting files to the Facility, and AIPSO processing will be turned off.

*Please note: All FTP testing should be completed by Friday, March 14. To allow companies time to schedule the move to production, AIPSO will continue processing cessions and accounting files sent by member companies not already in production, directly to AIPSO until Friday, April 11, 2008. All reporting after that date must be via FTP to the NCRF.*

*Cartridges or other media received at AIPSO after 4/11 will not be processed and that form of media will be returned to the sending company.*

### Exceptions:

- **Correction sheets** - This does not apply to the Correction sheets currently sent to AIPSO monthly for Error Report corrections – **please continue to send those to AIPSO until further notice.**
- **Paper cession notices** – This does not apply to paper cession notices sent directly to the NCRF **at this time.** When EDGE goes live, the Facility will discontinue keying of these notices, and companies will be required to enter cessions directly into EDGE through web access data entry or submit them in an electronic file via FTP.

- **Run-off Companies** - Companies that are in run-off status and specifically excused from the FTP setup requirements by the Facility will be allowed to continue to report directly to AIPSO until EDGE goes live. Once EDGE goes live, these exception companies can enter transactions directly into EDGE through web access data entry.

*Companies should contact the FTP Support team at [ftpsupport@ncrb.org](mailto:ftpsupport@ncrb.org) or 919-582-1056 with questions or assistance regarding FTP file transmissions or setup.*

### What do you need to do NOW to get ready.

1. **Pass this information along to your IT / Accounting / Facility Reporting specialists.**
2. **Check with your Migration Coordinator to confirm the status for your company's compliance.**
3. **Send all data reporting files to the NCRF via FTP (if approved for production).**

**IMPORTANT: IF YOUR COMPANY IS ALREADY IN PRODUCTION, PLEASE DISCONTINUE SENDING REPORT DATA TO AIPSO.**

### What you'll need to do LATER:

**The following information should help you in your planning.**

1. Register for EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) settlement options for consolidated billing.
2. Register for Web administration accounts for on-line access prior to EDGE going live – you will be notified when this process begins.

### What you should have ALREADY done:

1. **Scheduled and/or completed FTP transmission testing.**
2. **Selected a Migration Coordinator and submitted contact info to NCRF. Please keep NCRF current on Migration Coordinator contact information by notifying Summer Williamson at [srw@ncrb.org](mailto:srw@ncrb.org) or 919-645-3187 of any corrections or changes.**
3. **Submit Monthly Accounting Report by the 25th day after the close of the accounting month (see Circular RF-06-12)**



We hope you find this progress as exciting as we do. While it is taking longer than expected to bring EDGE to completion, there have been many milestones achieved behind the scenes. Rest assured that we are doing our very best to bring you a quality system and minimize the impact of the transition. We appreciate your cooperation so far and ask for your continued support, participation and suggestions.

Thank you again and remember that we are doing this for you and not to you.

Best regards,

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Please direct questions or correspondence regarding EDGE to: Summer Williamson 919-645-3187 [srw@ncrb.org](mailto:srw@ncrb.org). She'll make sure you're connected with the person best able to help. Visit our EDGE FAQs on our website at <http://www.ncrb.org/ncrf/>