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Your Statement Looks Different

As you will notice, statements have been specifically modified to comply with Regulation Z under the Credit Card Act effective July 1, 2010. This law was designed to protect consumers and to further regulate credit card activity for all financial institutions and other credit card lenders. The Act also contains language that affects periodic statement disclosure for open-end loans at ESECU. In order to comply with the new law we have updated our statements to include the required information. You are not required to do anything; required changes will happen automatically for you. Your loan due date (if applicable) is the same as on your original signed documents. The Credit Union will continue business as usual with open-end lending. To learn more about the Credit Card Act, please visit: www.whitehouse.gov, select *Issues* from the top, click on *Economy*, then click on *The President Signed the Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility and Disclosure (CARD) Act*. If you have any questions, please call this office.

Clarification of Check Fee

Clarification to April 2010 newsletter: The \$3.00 fee is after you've made four withdrawals from your account. The fifth withdrawal would incur a \$3.00 fee, which was previously \$1.00. If you have any questions, please call this office.

Directors Declare Dividends

A dividend of .40% APR (.40% APY) for the quarter ending June 30, 2010, was declared by the Board of Directors. All Credit Union share rates are subject to change quarterly with dividends figured daily and paid quarterly.

Annual Meeting Winners

The ice cream basket was awarded to Joyce Heiman and the movie basket was awarded to Nancy Sly. All children in attendance received a grab bag of goodies. Congratulations to our drawing winners! We hope to see you all at the meeting next year. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to those who attended.

“U-R-Special”

Let the “U-R-Special” loan (also known as the Summer Special) make your summer memorable, not miserable. You can use extra funds for vacations, bills, furniture, home updates or those unexpected expenses. This loan special is effective April 1, 2010. You can borrow up to \$2,000.00, with interest as low as 11% for a maximum of 12 months. This loan special is for new money borrowed. Current signature loans cannot be incorporated into this special loan. Any refinance of this special would be at the current rate at the time of refinancing. All standard loan policies, procedures and guidelines will apply. Rate quotes are subject to credit approval and are subject to change without notice. Qualifying rates are determined by credit background and specific loan terms. Don't delay! Rush, run, hurry, call, e-mail or come by the office today to apply. Let us give you fast, friendly and confidential service for your loan needs.

Extreme Loan Blow Out with 90-Day Deferral

The first five members of each month (for the remainder of the year) who finance with the credit union will receive a \$10.00 credit to their share account. Yes, you read that correctly, we'll deposit ten dollars in your share account just for financing or moving your current loan to the credit union if you're one of the first five. In addition, on any new/used vehicle loan you can opt to defer your first payment up to 90 days. Interest will accrue from the day of dispersal. Wow! You still can get up to a 2 percent discount off our current qualifying interest rates on this loan. Don't wait any longer to finance that new car, truck or motorcycle with your Credit Union. We have money to loan for financing needs today.

Extreme Loan Blow Out only applies to new ESECU loans or loans refinanced from another financial institution. All standard loan policies, procedures and guidelines will apply. Rate quotes are subject to credit approval and are subject to change without notice. Qualifying rates are determined by credit background, specific loan terms, age and type of collateral. Minimum financing to qualify for \$10.00 credit is \$10,000.00. Please call Sandy or Shawna today to take advantage of this great offer!

NCUA Your savings federally insured to at least \$250,000 and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government National Credit Union Administration, a U.S. Government Agency.

Welcome New Board and Committee Members

At the Annual Meeting in April 2010, three new Directors and two committee positions were elected. **Lee Boos**, Director, started with the Department of Revenue in January 1989 until January 1994. He began at the Kansas Department of Labor in January 1995 until present. He has been a Credit Union member for 10 years. **Patty Guadian** (formerly Abbott), Director, started with the Kansas Department of Human Resources in January 1979 and left in 2005 to work for the Kansas Department of Revenue. She returned to KDOL in July 2009. She has been a Credit Union member for 17 years. **Claudette Sands**, Director, has been employed with KDOL since April 2007. She has been a member of the Credit Union for three years. **Dennis Kelly**, Credit Committee, has been with the Department of Commerce since January 2008. He worked for KDOL for 26 years. He has been a Credit Union member for 22 years. **Russ Vawter**, Supervisory Committee, former volunteer for many years has been a member of the Credit Union for 40 years. He retired from Labor Market Information Services after 36 years of employment.

Credit Preparation to Get a Home Loan

Credit questions continue to be the most common inquiry I receive about how to prepare to purchase a home. The answers to those thinking about buying a home are the same for borrowers thinking of refinancing as well. Current interest rates are lower than I have seen them in my twenty years in the mortgage industry. Rates at record lows have sparked abundant interest in purchasing or refinancing a home.

The past two years have seen a tightening of credit requirements as lenders have tried to put loans on their books much less likely to default or have delinquency problems. The stricter requirements have done exactly what was intended. Fewer applicants can get approved for a home loan, but the ones who can are the kind of applicants that help a financial institution stay healthy and secure.

The credit scores used by lenders are called "FICO" scores. Generally a borrower who has established a credit history has three scores. Each of the three main credit repositories will develop a "score" that is dependent on many different factors. While we do not know all those factors, there are some of which we are aware. If you have three scores, the middle score of the three is how your application is graded credit wise. Two borrowers would be graded by the lowest middle score between the two of them.

One of the most important contributors to your credit score is your payment history. You will want to keep the balance of your credit cards well below 50% of the limit you are allowed to charge. I usually recommend 25% of the limit as a maximum. Unless you are being charged an annual fee, keep those old credit card accounts open because age is a good thing on your credit report, but keep the balances at zero by paying the card in full each month. Ideally you should have at least three active lines of credit open to maintain the best scores. Credit cards are a great way to do this if you pay them off each month. However, too many credit inquiries and opening new accounts can temporarily lower your credit scores.

You can look at your credit report for free once every twelve months at www.annualcreditreport.com. Be sure to keep an eye on your report to make sure it is current and correct.

Careful use of credit can keep a lot of doors open for you when it comes to borrowing money. Call Andy Homewood at Credit Union Mortgage Services to get answers to your home loan questions and get pre-approved for a purchase or refinance.

Privacy Policy: Employment Security Employees Credit Union

The Employment Security Employees Credit Union (ESECU) is committed to making available financial products and services that will enable our members to meet their financial needs and reach their financial goals. Protecting personal information and using it in a manner consistent with member expectations is a high priority for everyone associated with the Credit Union.

To ensure that members can rely on the quality of products and services made available, the Credit Union stands behind the following privacy policy:

- **ESECU will collect only the personal information necessary to conduct business.** That means obtaining just what is necessary to provide competitive financial products and services and no more.

- **ESECU will protect members' personal information.** The Credit Union will maintain strong security controls to ensure that member information in files and computers is protected. Where appropriate, the Credit Union will use security coding techniques to protect against unauthorized access to personal records, ensure accuracy and integrity of communications and transactions, and protect member confidentiality.

- **Members will always have access to their information.** ESECU members will always have the opportunity to review information and make necessary changes to ensure that records are complete and accurate.

- **The ESECU will only share information when absolutely necessary.** Information is shared only to administer the products and services we provide, when required to do so by the government, or when we partner with other businesses to offer a broader array of products and services.

- **The ESECU will partner only with businesses that follow strict confidentiality requirements.** The businesses selected will offer products designed to enhance members' economic well-being. Under no circumstances will these firms be authorized to charge accounts without the member's express consent and the Credit Union will not sell member information to telemarketing firms.

- **This Credit Union will offer members a choice in how their information is used.** Any member of the Credit Union may elect to keep information from being shared with our business partners. Members will be informed on how to exercise their choice, and the Credit Union will take all reasonable steps to make sure those requests are followed. At least once a year, the Credit Union will remind all members of their right to choose.

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