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Highly Secure Browsers Required by December 1, 2006 for Online Credit Card Payments to the Commission

Effective on December 1, 2006, persons making payments to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) by credit card over the Internet must use web browser software which supports the 128-bit encryption standard.

This new requirement is directed by the US Treasury, which operates the credit card processing software used by the Commission, and is mandated to increase the security and protection for online payers.

Most current browser software is 128-bit capable, and the majority of online payers are already using such software. Among the most common browsers, the following specific minimum versions are compliant:

- Microsoft Internet Explorer version 6.0 or higher
- Mozilla Firefox 1.5 or greater
- Netscape 7.x
- Safari 1.2 (for Apple Macintosh users)

Date for this change was December 1, 2006

After December 1, 2006 the online credit card payment system will only operate correctly for browsers which meet this standard.

For Further Assistance

The Financial Operations Help Desk (1-877-480-3201, option 4, 4) can provide assistance with online payments and is staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET on business days. You can e-mail your questions to arinquiries@fcc.gov.