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December 14, 2020

## Re: Notice of Data Event

MTS Systems Corporation ("MTS") is writing to inform you of an incident that may affect the security of some of your personal information. We take this event and the security of your personal information very seriously, and this letter provides steps you may take to better protect against potential misuse of your information, should you feel it is necessary. Due to requirements imposed by Massachusetts law, we are unable to provide further detail about the nature of this event. If you have questions about the event, please call our dedicated call center at 888-994-0282 Monday through Friday from 6:00 am - 8:00 pm Pacific Standard Time and Saturday/Sunday from 8 am - 5 pm Pacific Standard Time.

To help protect your identity, we are offering a complimentary two-year membership in Experian's<sup>®</sup> Identity Works<sup>SM</sup> and also providing the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information*. This Experian product provides you with identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To activate your membership and start monitoring your personal information, please follow the steps below:

- Enrollment Deadline: Ensure that you enroll by March 31, 2021 (Your code will not work after this date.)
- Sign Up Process:
  - O Visit Website: Visit the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: <a href="https://www.experianidworks.com/credit">https://www.experianidworks.com/credit</a>
  - o Activation Code: Provide your activation code: ABCDEFGHI

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian Identity Works online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 888-994-0282 by March 31, 2021. Be prepared to provide engagement number DB24326 as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your account statements, and to monitor your credit reports for suspicious activity. Under U.S. law, you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus. To order your free credit report, visit <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a> or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also contact the three major credit bureaus directly to request a free copy of your credit report.



You have the right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization. The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a security freeze on your credit report. Should you wish to place a security freeze, please contact the major consumer reporting agencies listed below:

> Experian PO Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 1-888-397-3742

www.experian.com/freeze/center.html

**TransUnion** 

P.O. Box 160 Chester, PA 19016 1-888-909-8872

www.transunion.com/credit-

freeze

**Equifax** 

PO Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 1-800-685-1111

www.equifax.com/personal/creditreport-services

In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

- 1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior five
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.);
- 7. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

The credit reporting agencies have one (1) to three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit file report, based upon the method of the request. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five (5) business days and provide you with the process by which you may remove the security freeze, including an authentication mechanism. Upon receiving a direct request from you to remove a security freeze and upon receiving proper identification from you, the consumer reporting agency shall remove a security freeze within one (1) hour after receiving the request by telephone for removal or within three (3) business days after receiving the request by mail for removal.

To remove the security freeze, you must send a written request to each of the three credit bureaus by mail and include proper identification (name, address, and social security number) and the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze. The credit bureaus have three (3) business days after receiving your request to remove the security freeze.

As an alternative to a security freeze, you have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on your file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the agencies listed below:

Experian
P.O. Box 2002
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742

www.experian.com/fraud/center.html

TransUnion
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19106
1-800-680-7289

www.transunion.com/fraudvictim-resource/place-fraudalert Equifax
P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348
1-888-766-0008

www.equifax.com/personal/creditreport-services

Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, security freezes, and the steps you can take to protect yourself, by contacting the consumer reporting agencies, your state Attorney General or the Federal Trade Commission. The Federal Trade Commission can be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; <a href="www.identitytheft.gov">www.identitytheft.gov</a>; (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can also obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should be reported to law enforcement, the FTC, and the Massachusetts Attorney General.

We understand that you may have questions about this event not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call our dedicated call center at 888-994-0282, Monday through Friday from 6:00 am - 8:00 pm Pacific Standard Time and Saturday/Sunday from 8 am - 5 pm Pacific Standard Time.

Sincerely, MTS Privacy Office