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National Symbols Cache Customers

Dear Customers of the National Symbols Cache:

The National Symbols Cache will begin to charge interest and administrative fees for over due bills beginning October 1, 2003. This measure is in response to our fiscal responsibility to comply with the Federal Claims Collection Standards (FCCS), 31 CFR 901.9((b)(i), under the Debt Collection Improvement Act (DCIA). The act includes a provision for the assessment of interest, penalties and administrative costs on debts owed by state and local governments.

The interest is assigned by the US Treasury interest rate each calendar year. The assigned interest rate, at the time the debt becomes delinquent, remains in effect for the life of the bill for collection. This percentage will be applied to unpaid balances after 30 days from the date of issue. After the 60 days of delinquency, an extra amount of \$25.00 for administrative charge will be applied to the billing.

If you have any questions regarding your account and this new disposition, do not hesitate to contact Deb Bruyere at 218-327-4282.

Sincerely,

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