same day ach case study: anticipating a future of faster payments

onesource virtual identifies five key benefits of same day ach

the ach network securely and efficiently moves more than 71 million payments each day. yet customers and businesses want options to move payments faster. same day ach offers the ability to move money more quickly and efficiently, directly between bank accounts. in fact, same day ach would advance the ach network from today’s single, next-day payment settlement to multiple, same-day and next-day settlement options that would be available for virtually any ach network transaction, including payroll, business-to-business, bill payment, and account-to-account transfers, among others.

onesource virtual, based near dallas, texas, recognizes the value same day ach would offer. as a business solutions provider that supplies its clients with a wide range of financial and human resources services -- including payroll and tax and benefits administration -- same day ach offers their customers assurance that funds will be available to the appropriate parties by the end of the work day. additionally, onesource virtual says same day ach capabilities would provide additional benefits beyond payroll functions, such as its potential for expedited b2b uses when payment is needed before goods are released.

same day ach: benefits & opportunities

looking to expand its services nationally and globally, onesource virtual says same day ach comes at an opportune time and offers five key benefits.

1. workflow efficiencies with quality transactions
2. flexibility
3. cash and investment opportunities
4. competitive advantage in the marketplace
5. business-to-business payment electronification

1. workflow efficiencies with quality transactions

same day ach increases workflow efficiencies and helps ensure quality transactions. onesource virtual says it would gain efficiency in workflow processing of same-day tax deposits through the automation of same day ach, as opposed to the quality risk of data re-entry, keying errors, and time consuming semi-repetitive wire transfers requiring dual approvals.

“We are always looking for opportunities to enhance business efficiencies,” said seanna drewery, ctp, treasury manager. “same day ach would allow us to provide customers more time to review their settlements for accuracy, which would reduce errors in the payroll process such as paying termed employees or paying an employee for 80 hours of work instead of eight hours.”

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2. **Flexibility**

Same Day ACH would better support direct deposit functions (for hourly workers, temporary staff, and termination pay needs), contingency plans for missed deadlines, and tax withholdings remittances. OneSource Virtual says Same Day ACH would provide more flexibility and allow the company and its customers to adjust to circumstances as they arise. “Same Day ACH would be beneficial for customers that have extenuating circumstances that may cause a late payroll settlement,” said Drewery. Same Day ACH could even be used as a disaster recovery processing plan or for processing payroll ahead of a national holiday, she said.

3. **Cash and investment opportunities**

Same Day ACH efficiently and cost-effectively speeds up payments for customers and provides for improved cash management. For OneSource Virtual, the option for faster crediting while moving money among various accounts it owns will be useful for its management of daily cash liquidity in account-to-account transfers from one financial institution to another. “This will help our daily balancing and offer new investment opportunities,” said Drewery. Further, the company anticipates using Same Day ACH to help its customers process and settle restricted stock units and stock payroll. Currently, the company requires a three-day notice or a drawdown funding alternative for a two-day window. “With Same Day ACH, we could now require a two-day notice with Same Day ACH debit and then Same Day ACH credits for the corporate trade exchange (CTX) ACH transaction,” she said.

4. **Competitive advantage in the marketplace**

By increasing the speed of payments, Same Day ACH builds opportunities for innovation and new payment options. OneSource Virtual is already anticipating providing a new service product to its customers related to an emergency payroll for missed payrolls. “Expedited off-cycle payrolls are a significant issue for our customers,” said Drewery. “Same Day ACH would allow us to address one-off type processing and take the heavy lift off of them.”

5. **Business-to-business payment electronification**

For business-to-business payments, Same Day ACH enables faster settlement of invoice payments between trading partners. OneSource Virtual plans for its business clients to use Same Day ACH to remit payments for services they provide. “We’ve already been encouraging our clients to fully electronify their AP/AR processes,” said Drewery. “Same Day ACH will help them take checks out of the system by offering an electronic solution for situations when a payment is needed before the release of goods from a provider.”

For more information on OneSource Virtual, visit [www.onesourcevirtual.com](http://www.onesourcevirtual.com).
For resources on the benefits of Same Day ACH, visit [nacha.org/same-day-ACH](http://nacha.org/same-day-ACH).

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