

# **Business Online ACH Origination Guide**

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### **ACH Overview**

The Automated Clearing House (ACH) network is an electronic payments network used by individuals, businesses, financial institutions, and government entities. It provides a means to send and receive funds electronically, along with relevant information about the transaction. Direct Deposits and Automatic Payments are some of the most well-known ACH transactions, but the system can also be used for government tax payments, cash concentrations, and other monetary transfers.

All ACH transactions are governed by NACHA, the National Automated Clearing House Association. For more information about your rights and responsibilities as an originator of ACH transactions, please refer to your Business Internet Banking contract or call us at (413)774-3191.

### Supported ACH Transactions

Business Internet Banking is able to manually create 6 types of ACH transactions currently:

**Corporate Collections (CCD DR)** – This type of transaction is used for any withdrawal from a businesses account at their financial institution. Examples would be a business-to-business payment, or cash concentration from one business account to another.

**Corporate Payments (CCD CR)** – This type of transaction is used to credit a business account at another financial institution. An example would be paying one of your vendors.

**Consumer Collections (PPD DR)** – This transaction debits a consumer's account at their financial institution. An example would be a charitable contribution or membership dues.

**Consumer Payments (PPD CR)** – This transaction credits a consumer's account. An example would be the deposit of a tax refund.

**Payroll Collections (PPD DR)** – This transaction would be used to debit an account for overpayment of payroll.

**Payroll Payments (PPD CR)** – This transaction would be for the direct deposit of an employee's payroll.

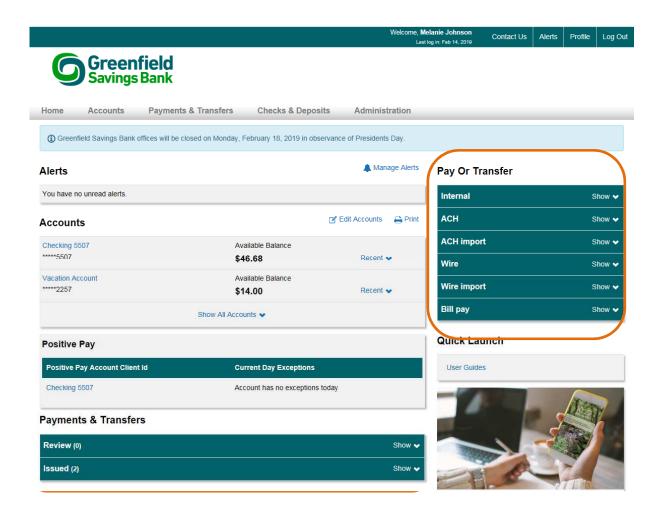
Other types of transactions can be imported via NACHA Pass-Thru. Business Internet Banking does not support International ACH Transactions using the IAT SEC code.

# **ACH Processing Times**

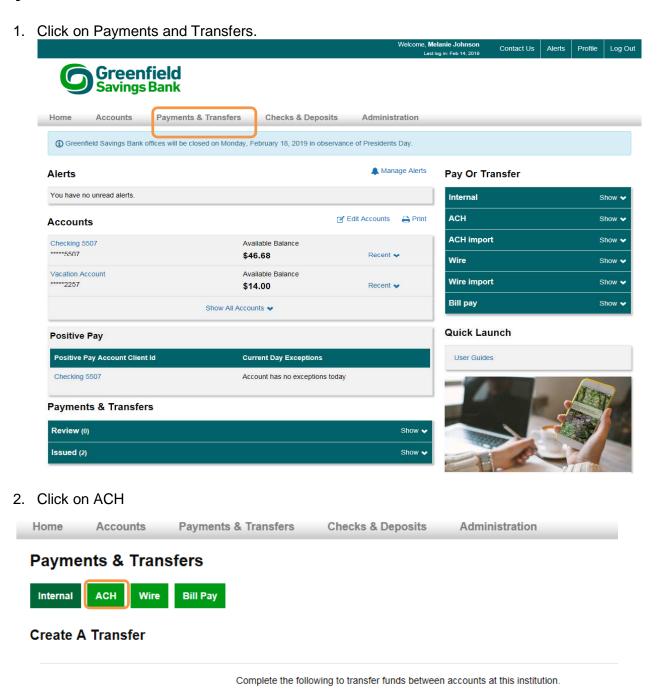
The ACH network uses a "batch" system of processing, meaning that all payments are processed at one particular time rather than throughout the day. GSB's Business Online system allows all payments that are submitted and approved by 4:00 PM to be sent for processing that evening.

# **Home Page**

From the home page, you can quickly access your ACH Transfers to review and issue, along with being able to quickly process an ACH Transfer.



# **Payments & Transfers**

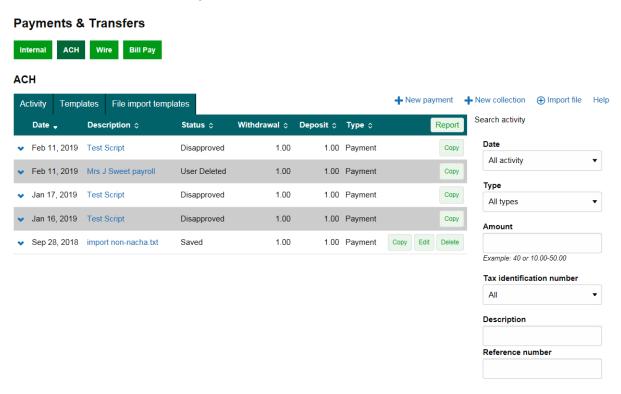


Open transfer

**Template** 

# **ACH Transfer Activity**

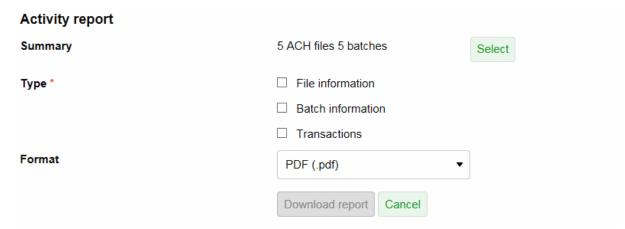
Activity will display once ACH is selected. You will see a list of ACH transactions. Search criteria are available on the right hand side.



- 1. Click the **Transfer Description** to view the details.
- 2. Click the **Report** icon to generate a report of ACH files.
- 3. Click the **Copy** icon to reuse the ACH file.
- 4. If a file shows the **Delete** or **Edit** icons you are able to modify that file.

### To create a report:

- 5. Search for the ACH transactions you wish to include in the report.
- 6. Click the **Report** icon. You can also modify what transactions to include from here. Click the select button to do so.



- 7. Select the report type. Options are File Information, Batch Information and Transactions.
- 8. Select your format from the drop down. Options are PDF or CSV.
- 9. You can search back 4 months for these transactions.

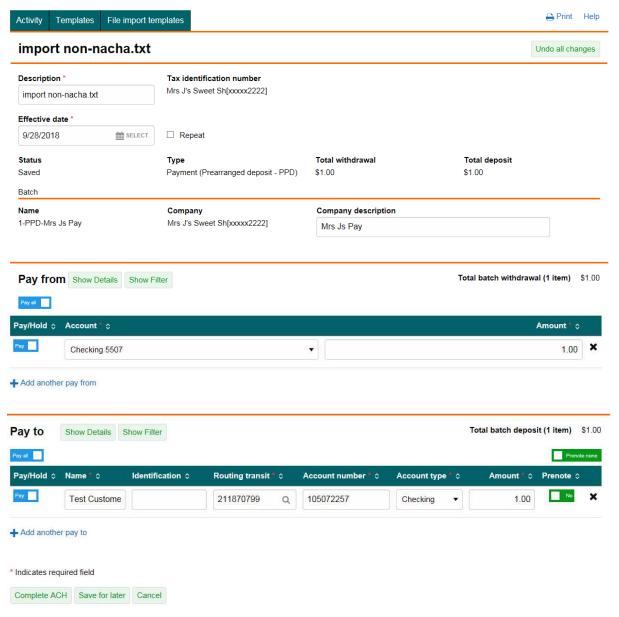
# **Change Transfer**

### **ACH**



1. Select the Edit button.

**NOTE:** If Edit is not available the ACH transfer is not able to be changed. You would need to submit a reversal.

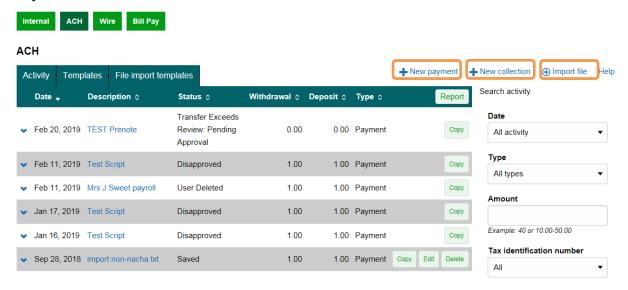


- 2. Complete any applicable changes to the transfer.
- 3. Click **Complete ACH** to process or **Save for later** to come back and make more changes.

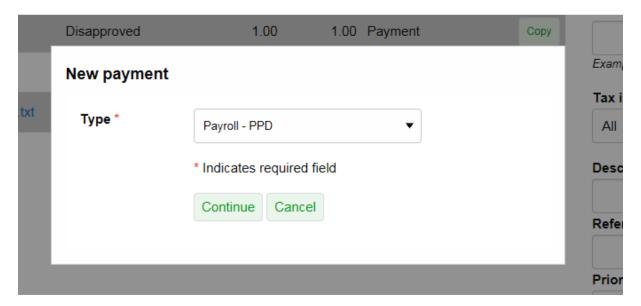
### **New ACH Transfer**

After selecting **ACH** on the Payments & Transfers page Select **New Payment** or **New Collection** or **Import file**.

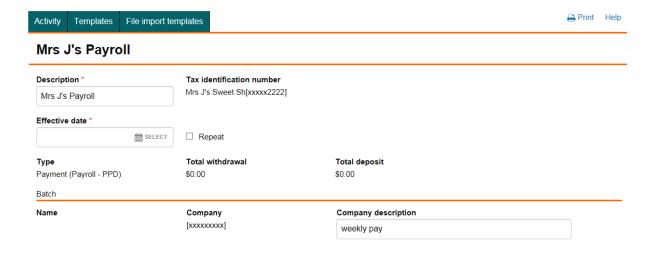
**Payments & Transfers** 



1. Select the **File type** from the pop up window and click continue



**Note:** The ACH Type list only displays the ACH types for which the user has permissions.

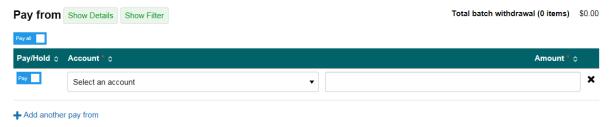


2. In the **Description** box, type the name of the transfer. It is important to be as descriptive as possible as the **Description** is what will appear on the statement for the account holder who is receiving the transfer.

Example of Description: Xpert Landscaping Payroll

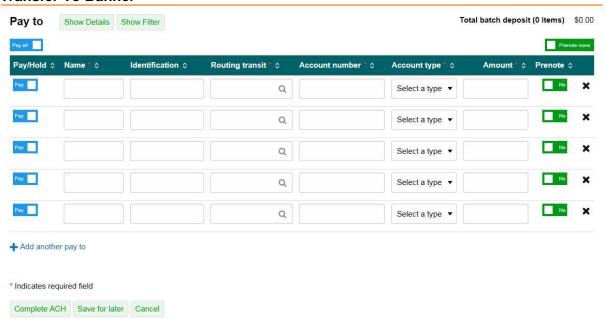
- 5. Click the **Effective Date** calendar icon, and then select a date of the first transfer.
- 6. **Company Description** will show up on your statement. It will default to the same as the Description

### **Transfer From Banner**



- 4. Select the offsetting account and type the amount.
- 5. Show Details allows you to add more descriptive information

### **Transfer To Banner**



- 6. In the **Name** box, type the person's name receiving the transfer.
- 7. If applicable, in the **Identification** box, type a number reference for the individual.
- 8. In the **R/T Number** box, type the Routing Transit Number (click the magnifying glass icon to search for a Routing Transit Number).
- 9. In the **Account Number** box, type the Account Number.
- 10. From the **Account Type** list, select the account type.

**Note:** If the number is in the correct format but does not match a financial institution, "NA" appears. If the R/T number is not in correct format, a message appears letting you know the number is invalid.

- 11. In the **Amount** box, type the dollar amount of the transfer.
- 12. To add addenda information, click the **Show Details** button

# Important requirement for Health Plan ACH Originator's Addenda for Healthcare Payments Processing

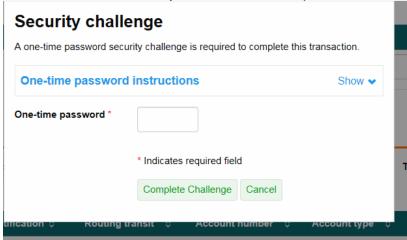
Users will construct these free-form addenda as follows:

TRN\*1\*12345\*1222298765\*999999~
[a] [b] [c] [d] [e]

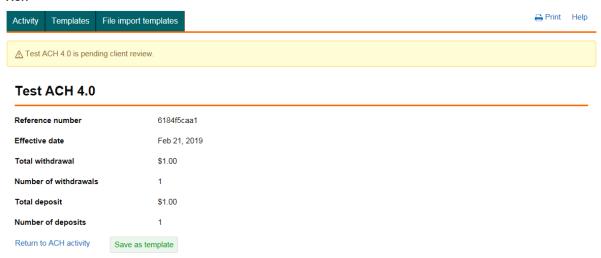
Enter all asterisks and the closing tilde exactly as shown. In place of the tilde, a backslash (\) may be used.

a. [TRN] Static text. Enter exactly as shown.

- b. [1] Static text. Enter exactly as shown.
- c. [12345] Unique 5-digit number between Payer and Provider, e.g., an electronic payment number. This is the equivalent to a check serial number.
- d. [1222298765] 1, followed by the Payer's 9-digit EIN/tax ID.
- e. [999999] Up to 6 alphanumeric characters of optional additional information to identify the payer
- 13. To add additional transactions, click the **Add another to pay** link.
- 14. Complete one of the following:
  - To save the file for pending status and allow modifications at a later date, click
     Save for later.
  - To activate the file for validation and processing, click **Complete ACH**, and then enter your one-time token password:



The Processing Status page appears.



15. When finished viewing, click **Return to ACH Activity**. You can also use the **Save as Template** button to save this ACH information in a template for later use.

**Note:** In this example, the file was stopped at the Apply Limit Check because dual control is required with this particular Business Online user. Refer to the **Review ACH Transfer** section for instruction on how a second person approves the file.

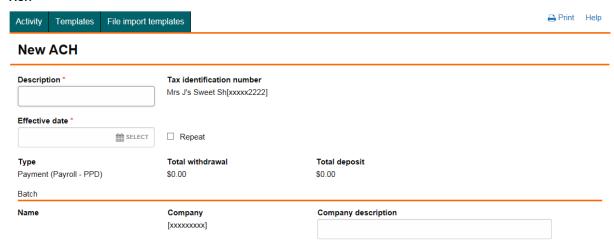
### **Prenotes**

A prenote (preauthorization) is a zero dollar transaction created and sent through the ACH network to test the validity of a payor's/payee's bank account information that was provided at the time of enrollment or if subsequently changed.

All prenotes are originated 3 business days prior to sending a live dollar transaction.

- 1. Select the **New Payment** option button.
- 2. From the **ACH Type** list, select the ACH type.
- 3. Click Continue

**Note:** The ACH Type list only displays the ACH types for which the user has permissions.

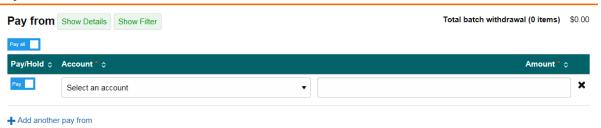


4. In the **Description** box, type the name of the transfer. It is important to be as descriptive as possible as the **Description** is what will appear on the statement for the account holder who is receiving the transfer.

Example of Description: Xpert Landscaping Payroll

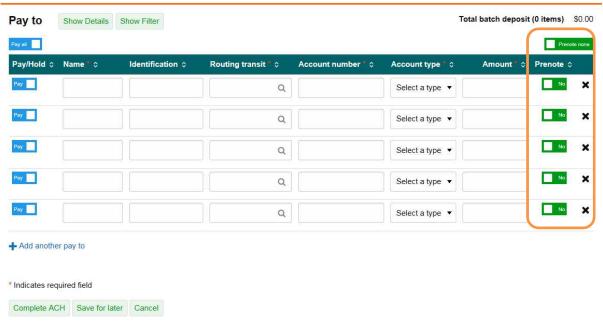
5. Click the **Effective Date** calendar icon, and then select a date of the first transfer.

### **Pay From Banner**



6. Select the offsetting account and type the amount \$0.00.

### Pay To Banner



- 7. In the **Name** box, type the person's name receiving the transfer.
- 8. If applicable, in the **Identification** box, type the ID number for this individual.
- 9. In the **R/T Number** box, type the Routing Transit Number (click the binoculars icon to search for a Routing Transit Number).

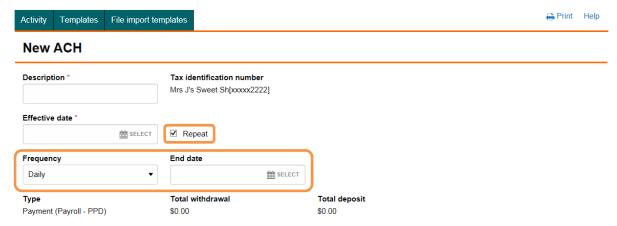
**Note:** If the number is in the correct format but does not match a financial institution, "NA" appears. If the R/T number is not in correct format, a message appears letting you know the number is invalid.

- 10. In the **Account Number** box, type the Account Number.
- 11. From the **Account Type** list, select the account type.
- 12. In the **Amount** box, type the dollar amount \$0.00.
- 13. Select the **Prenote** checkbox. You can also use the **Prenote none** button. It will change from non to all.
- 14. Click Save for later.

**Note:** If dual approval is required for file transfers, a second person at the company will need to approve the transfer.

# Recurring Transfers

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When creating recurring transfer, from the New ACH section:

- 1. In the **Description** box, type the name of the transfer.
- 2. Click the **Effective Date** calendar icon, and then select a date of the first transfer.
- 3. Click the Repeat box.
- 4. From the **Frequency** list, select the frequency of the transfer.
- 5. Click the **Recurring End Date** calendar icon, and then select an end date.

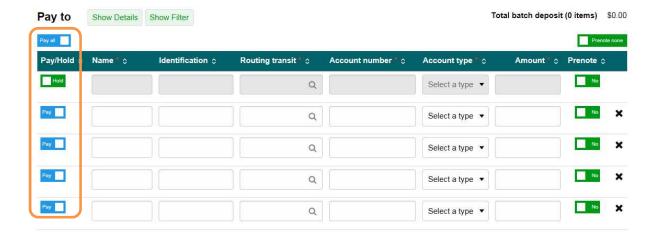
**Note:** The Recurring End Date box will only appear if a Recurring Frequency is selected.

6. Complete the transfer by following the procedures to create a new ACH transfer.

### **Hold Function**

ACH hold functionality provides the ability to quickly omit a transaction from processing without deleting the transaction information.

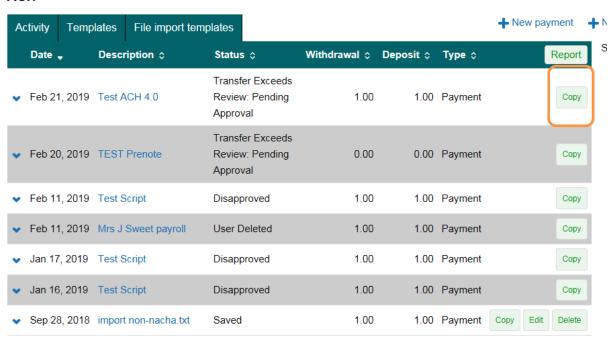
When the Hold Check box is selected for a transaction, the transaction will not be processed. This enables you to improve record and account monitoring by excluding transactions placed on hold from the debit and credit totals that are reflected for active transactions.



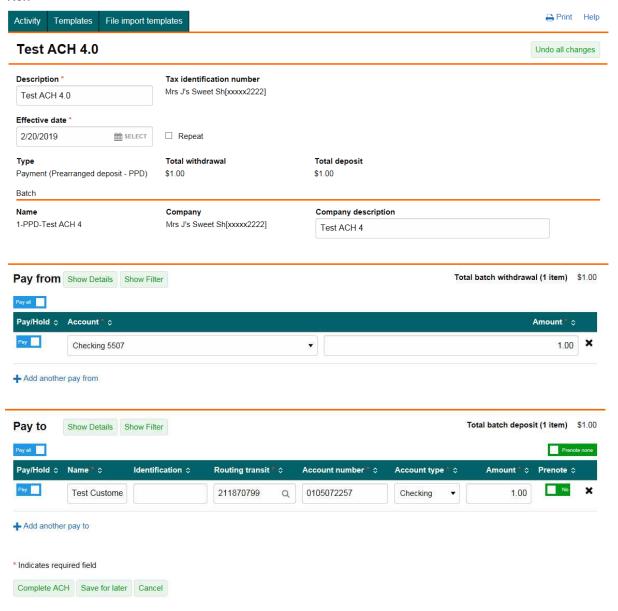
Simply click on the word **Pay** and the option will change to **Hold**. The line will also grey out making the held line unable to be changed.

# **New ACH Transfer Using Existing Transfer**

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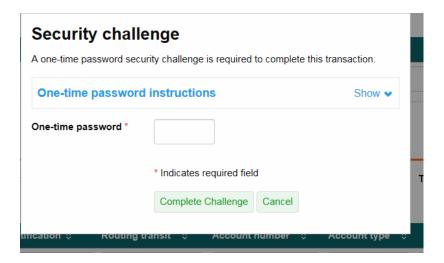


1. From the ACH Activity tab, select **copy** on the transfer you'd like to reuse.



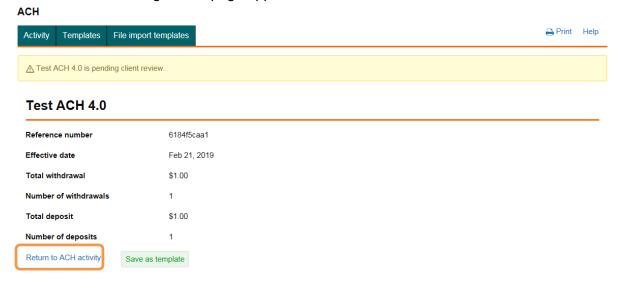
- 2. Complete the necessary changes.
- 3. Click Complete ACH

**Note:** Once the file has been processed, it cannot be edited.



- 4. Enter your one-time token password.
- 5. Click Complete Challenge

The Processing Status page appears.

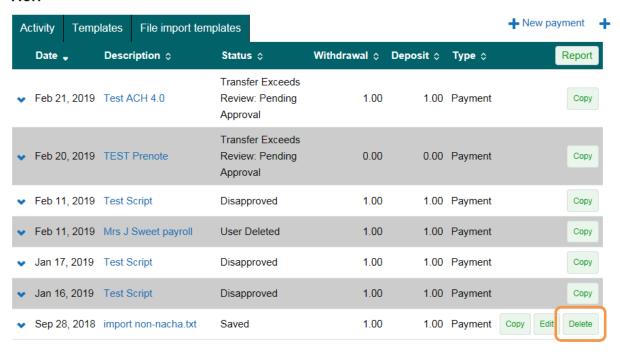


6. When finished viewing, click Return to ACH activity or Save as template.

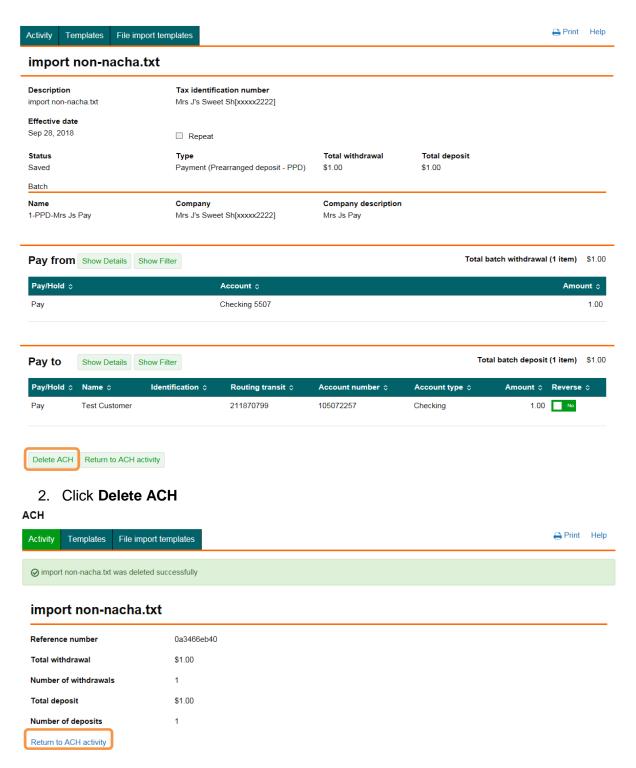
**Note:** In this example, the file was stopped at the Apply Limit Check because dual control is required with this particular Business Online user. Refer to the **Review ACH Transfer** section for instruction on how a second person approves the file.

### **Delete Transfer**

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1. From the ACH activity tab, click the **Delete** button on the transfer you need to delete.



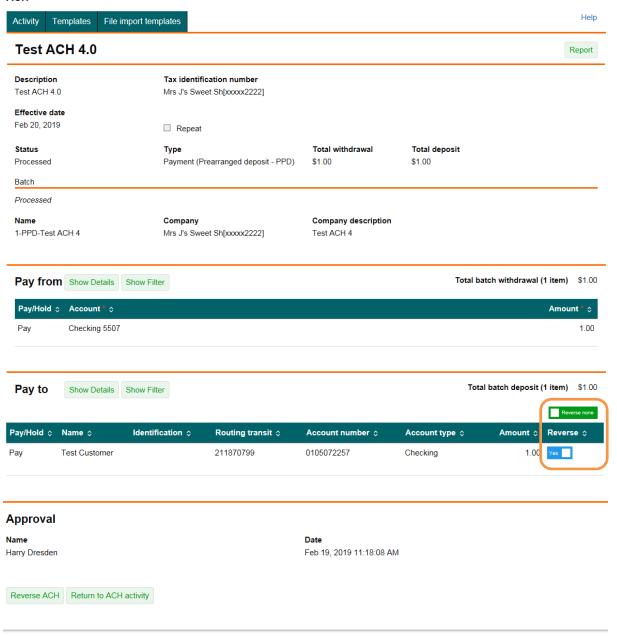
3. Confirmation will display. Click Return to ACH activity.

# **Reverse Transfer**

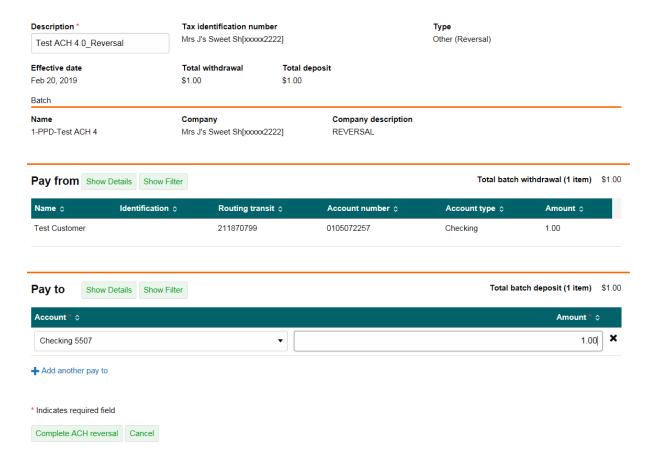
### **ACH**



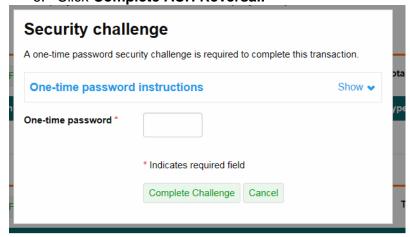
1. From the ACH Activity tab, click on the **Reverse** button.



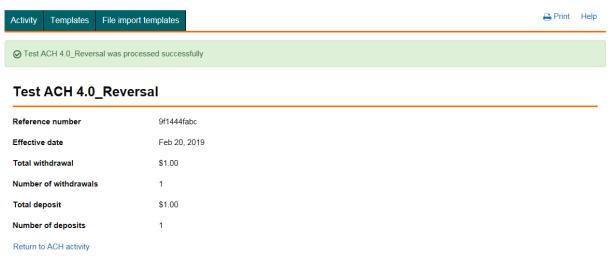
- 2. Select the **Reversal** box of the transaction to reverse. Or use the **Reverse none** button to change all transactions to reverse.
- 3. Click Reverse ACH



- 4. Select your Account to offset.
- 5. Enter the Amount.
- 6. Click Complete ACH Reversal.



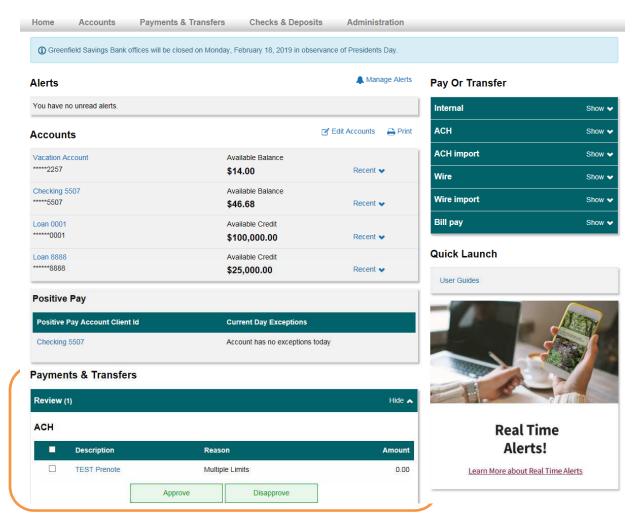
7. Enter your one-time token password and click **Complete Challenge** 



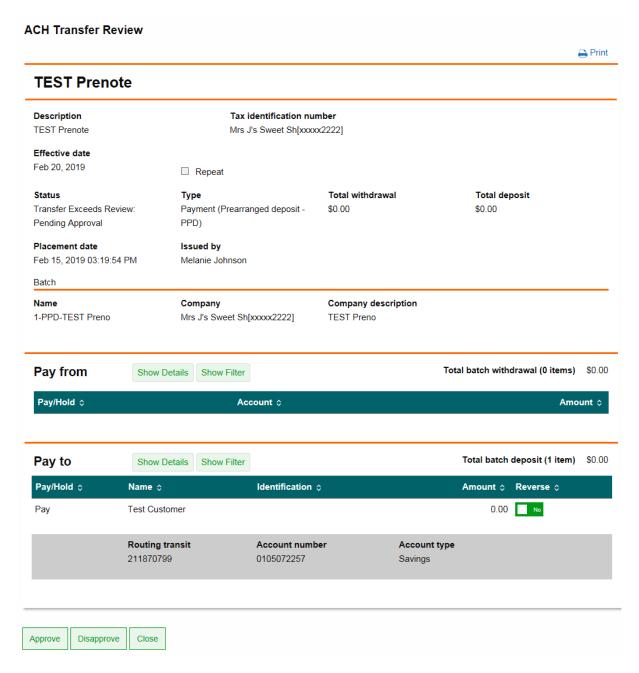
8. Click Return to ACH activity

# **Review ACH Transfer**

You can Approve and Disapprove ACH Transfers quickly and easily right from the **Home Page**.

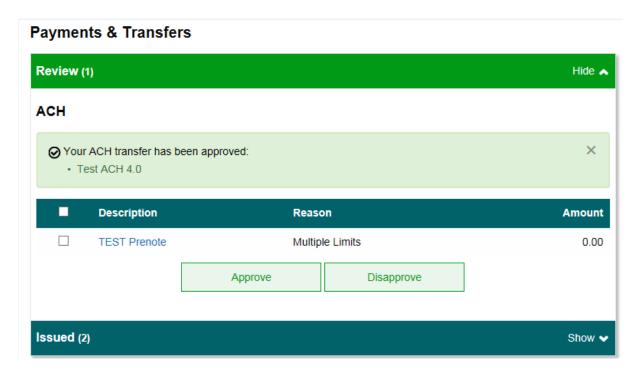


- 1. From the Home Page, locate the Payments & Transfers section.
- 2. Check the box next to the description and click **Approve** or **Dissaprove**. If you need to view the transaction details continue to step 3 before selecting an option.
- 3. To view the transaction details, click the **Description** Link.



- 4. You can **Approve** or **Disapprove** from here.
- 5. Check the box to the left of the transfer you want to **Approve** or **Disapprove**.

When **Approved**, you will receive the following message:



When **Disapproved**, you will receive the following message: **Payments & Transfers** 



# **Review ACH Transfer Definitions**

### **Status**

The status of the transfer.

Outstanding - In Review
Approve - Approved and will be processed.
Disapprove - Not approved and will not be processed.

### Reviewer

The person who is responsible for reviewing the ACH transfer.

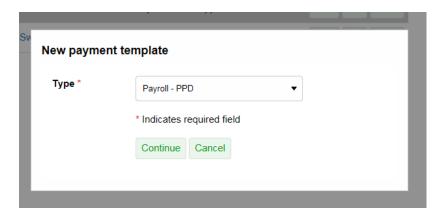
# **ACH Transfer Template**

# **New ACH Transfer Template**

# Payments & Transfers Internal ACH Wire Bill Pay ACH Activity Templates File import templates Template group \* Template name \$ Type \$ Status \$ Report Search templates

### To create a new template:

- 1. Click the Templates.
- 2. Click on **New payment template** or **New collection template** option button.



- 3. From the **ACH Type** list, select the ACH Type.
- 4. Click Continue

### **Template Group Section**

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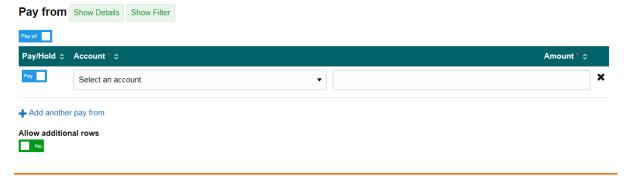
- 5. Enter a **Template Name**. This will show up on the bank statement.
- 6. From the **Template Group** list, select a group to tie the template to.
- 7. To create a new group, click the **New** icon.

### **User Access Section**



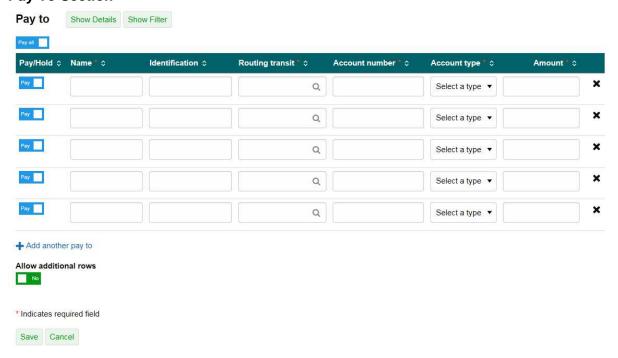
8. Select the check box for all users that require access to this template.

### **Pay From Section**



- 9. From the **Account** list, select the account nickname.
- 10. Type the **Amount**.

### **Pay To Section**

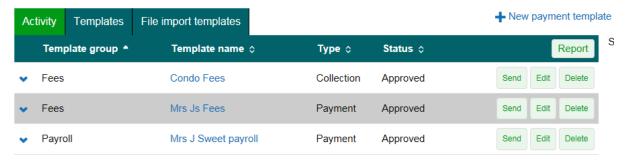


11. Type information related to each transaction.

### To add additional information (Addenda Record):

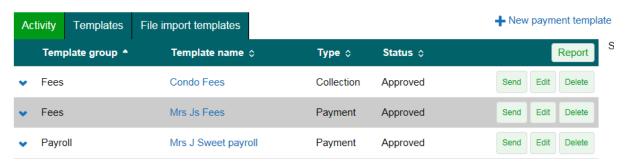
- 13. Click the **Show Details** button.
- 14. Click Save.

The template appears in the Template List.



### Edit/Delete ACH Transfer Template

### **ACH**



Click the **Templates** option button.

### To Send a Template:

- 1. Click the **Send** button to the right of the template to be processed.
- 2. Enter the effective date.
- 3. In the **Pay From** section, enter the amount for each line item you have.
- 4. In the **Pay To** section, enter the amount for each line item you have.
- 5. Click **Complete ACH**. The security challenge will appear. Once complete, you will be given a confirmation.

### To Edit a Template:

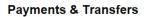
- 1. Click the **Edit** button to the right of the template to be edited.
- 2. Make the changes to the template, click save.

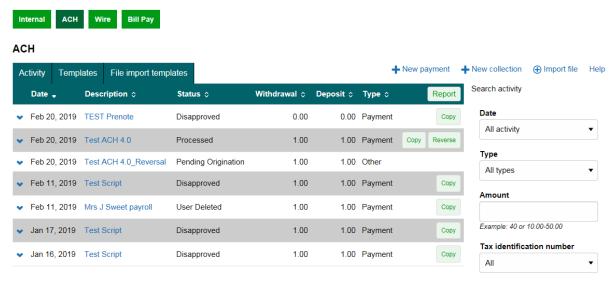
### To Delete a Template:

- 1. Click the **Delete** button to the right of the template to be deleted.
- 2. Click **Delete** template.

# **Import ACH Transfers**

### NACHA Formatted File





- 1. Select the **Import File** button.
- 2. Select NACHA

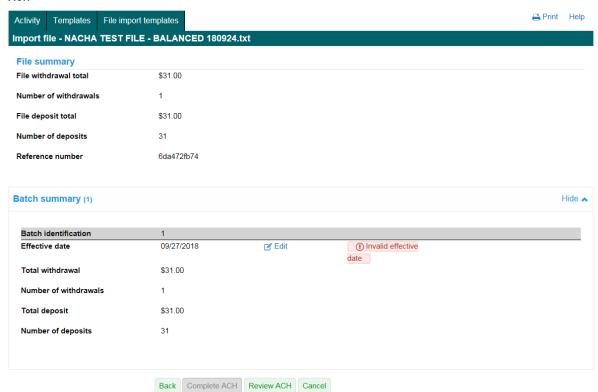
### Step 1 - File Selection

- 3. To locate the file, click Browse.
- 4. Select the business name from the Tax identification list. If you have multiple entities you will have the opting to pick one from here.
- 5. From the Transfer Type list, select the **Transfer Type**.
- 6. Click continue.

A NACHA File Import - Step 2 - Import page appears.

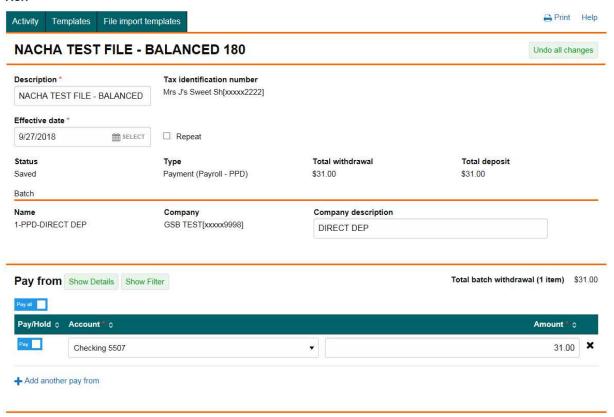
### Step 2 - Import

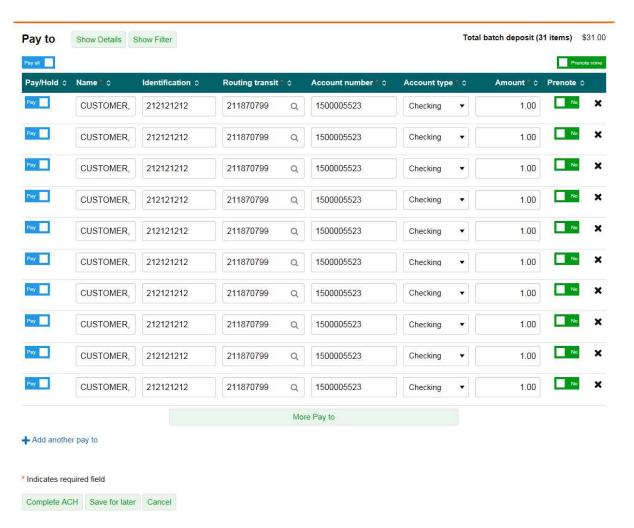




- 7. If any errors appear correct the information.
- 8. To review or edit the transfer details, click Review.

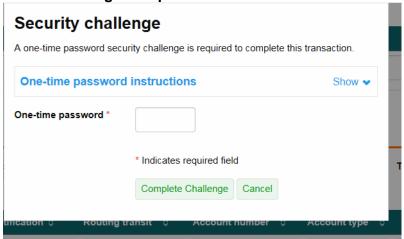
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- 9. If necessary, edit fields.
- 10. To save the transfer, click **Save for later**, or to complete the transfer, click **Complete ACH**.

11. The Security Challenge will come up. Enter your One Time Password, click **Challenge Complete.** 

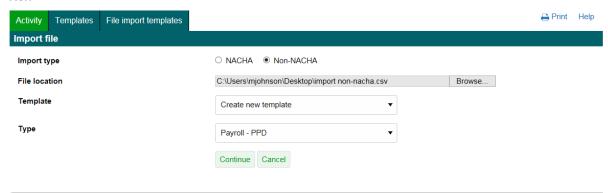


The Processing Status page appears. Click **Return to ACH Activity** or **Save as template.** ACH



# Non NACHA Formatted File

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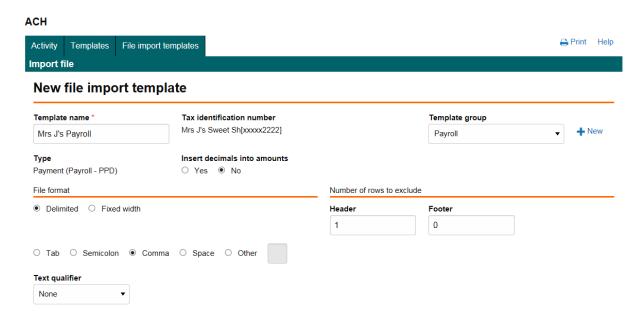


# Step 1 – File Selection

- 1. Select the **Import File** button.
- 2. Select Non-NACHA.
- 3. To locate the file, click **Browse**.
- 4. From the Template list, select Create new template.
- 5. Select the Type from the **Type** list.

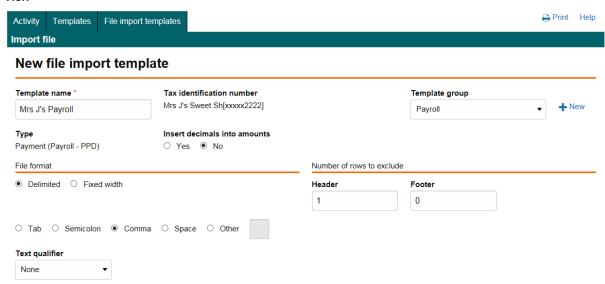
A Non NACHA File Import – Step 2 – Template Details page appears.

# Step 2 - Template Details



- 6. In the **Template Name** box, type the template description.
- 7. Select a Template Group.

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8. Continue filling in all sections. Sue the definitions below to assist.

## **Definitions**

#### **Tax Identification Number**

Tax ID number of the account owner at the ODFI.

## **Number of Header Rows to Exclude**

Number of header rows at the beginning of the file, excluded during file import.

#### Number of Footer Rows to Exclude

Number of rows at the end of the file excluded during file import.

### **Insert Decimal into Amounts**

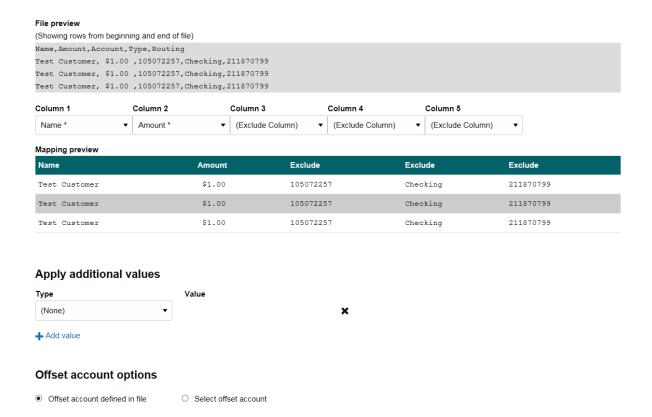
Determines whether or not the decimal is inserted into the amount.

## **Delimited**

Select this option button to determine a specific character to separate values.

## **Fixed Width**

Select this option to use a specific number of characters between values.



# **Definitions**

### **File Preview**

The preview of the ACH file format displays.

## Column

Select the columns within the ACH file that contains the associated value.

# **Apply Additional Values to File Section**

# **Type**

Additional required data that is not contained in the file.

## Value

The value of each ACH type.

# **Offset Account Options Section**

## **Offset Account Define in File**

Indicates whether the offset account is defined within the ACH file.

## **Add Offset Account to File**

Indicates whether the offset account is added into the import file.

Effective date options			
O Date in file   Prompt for date  O Default current	t business date		
User access All current and future users	rs   Specific users		
☐ Buffy Summers	☐ Cayde Sixx	<b>V</b>	Harry Dresden
•	☐ Cayde Sixx  ✓ Melanie Johnson	<b>V</b>	Harry Dresden Shannon Manzi
		<b>V</b>	•

# **Effective Date Option Section**

## Date in File

Indicates whether the effective date is defined within the ACH file.

# **Prompt For Date**

Indicates whether the ACH user is prompted for the effective date during the file import process.

## **Default Current Business Date**

Indicates whether the current business date is added into the file during the import process.

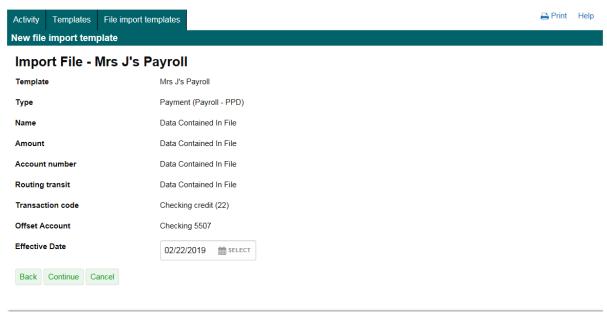
## **User Access**

Selct what users or future users can view this.

## 9. Click Continue

A Non NACHA File Import – Step 5 – Import page appears.

#### **ACH**



# **Definitions**

# **Template**

The name of the import file.

# **ACH Type**

The name of the ACH type.

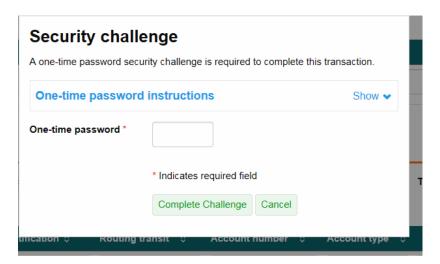
# **Effective Date**

If the date was not in the file select your effective date.

# The file summary displays ACH

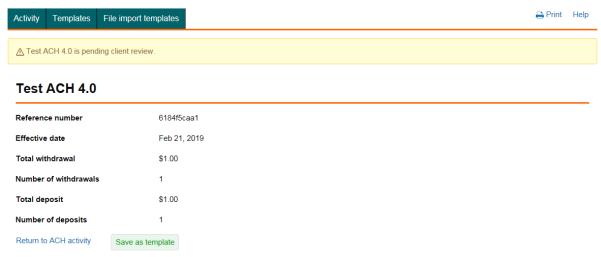


- 10. Click Complete ACH or Review ACH.
- 11. Enter your one-time token password and click Complete Challenge



12. The confirmation will appear.

#### ACH



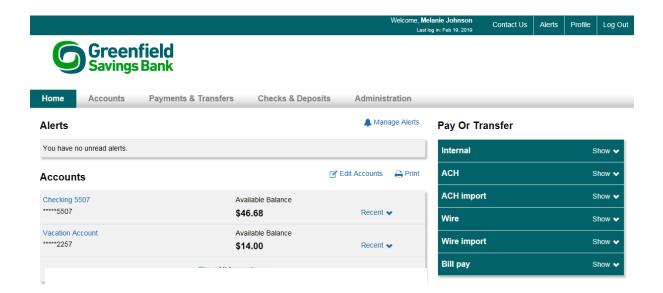
13. When finished viewing, click **Return to ACH Activity**. You can also use the **Save as Template** button to save this ACH information in a template for later use.

**Note:** In this example, the file was stopped at the Apply Limit Check because dual control is required with this particular Business Online user. Refer to the **Review ACH Transfer** section for instruction on how a second person approves the file.

# **ACH Transfer from the Home Page**

You can import a file for processing from the Home page.

Once a *single item* template has been created, you can process one-off ACH Transfers right from the home page.



- 1. From the Home page, under **Pay & Transfer**, click the **ACH** to send a single item template or **ACH Import** to import a file.
- 3. Continue following the prompts until the file is processed successfully.

# **ACH Transfer Status Descriptions**

#### Canceled

An ACH transfer transaction was canceled by the User before completion.

## Disapproved

A Reviewer for an ACH transfer transaction denied the transfer.

## **Extract in process**

The ACH transfer transaction was successfully submitted by the User and the ACH origination batch file is processing.

## File not originated

The ACH transfer transaction was successfully submitted by the User, but the ACH origination batch file has not been sent.

## File not originated: Account Balance Verification Completed with Errors

The ACH transfer transaction was successfully submitted by the User, but the ACH origination batch file has not been sent because the account balance verification was completed with errors.

# File not originated: Account Balance Verification Completed with Warnings

The ACH transfer transaction was successfully submitted by the User, but the ACH origination batch file has not been sent because the account balance verification was completed with warnings.

## File not originated: Account Balance Verification Failed

The ACH transfer transaction was successfully submitted by the User, but the ACH origination batch file has not been sent because the account balance verification failed.

# File not originated: Duplicate Check Completed with Errors

The ACH transfer transaction was successfully submitted by the User, but the ACH origination batch file has not been sent because the duplicate check verification process completed with errors.

## File not originated: Duplicate Check Completed with Warnings

The ACH transfer transaction was successfully submitted by the User, but the ACH origination batch file has not been sent because the duplicate check verification process completed with warnings.

## File not originated: Duplicate Check Failed

The ACH transfer transaction was successfully submitted by the User, but the ACH origination batch file has not been sent because the duplicate check verification process failed.

## File not originated: Exceeded Limit

One of the following limits has been exceeded and the ACH transfer transaction has been stopped:

- Exceeded Batch Limit
- Exceeded Daily Limit
- Exceeded Daily Settlement Limit
- Exceeded File Limit
- Exceeded Monthly Limit
- Exceeded Number of Files per Day Allowed
- Exceeded Standards Entry Class Limit
- Exceeded Transaction Limit
- Exceeded Weekly Limit

# File not originated: Filter Check Failed

The ACH transfer transaction was successfully submitted by the User, but the incoming ACH file failed during debit filter processing.

## **Partial Origination**

The ACH transfer transaction was successfully submitted by the User, but the ACH origination batch file has not completely processed.

# **Pending Origination**

The ACH transfer transaction was successfully submitted by the User, but the ACH origination batch file is pending and has not been processed.

## **Processed**

The ACH transfer transaction has been successfully submitted by the User and sent in an ACH origination batch file.

#### **Processing Resumed**

The ACH transfer transaction was initially stopped, but then started again by the User.

## Recurring Entry

The ACH transfer transaction is not currently pending or processed, but it is scheduled to occur again.

## Resubmit Required:System was Unavailable

A corporate client is attempting an ACH Transfer Inquiry, ACH Transfer Change, New ACH Transfer Using Existing Transfer, or Delete ACH Transfer, but ACH Manager or a related program is unresponsive.

## Return File not originated: Return Filter Failed

The ACH transfer transaction was successfully submitted by the User, but the incoming ACH file failed during return filter processing.

#### Saved

The ACH transfer transaction has been saved by the User and may be selected for ACH transfer transaction validation and submission in the future.

# Suspended

The ACH transfer transaction was initiated, but temporarily stopped.

# **Transfer Exceeds Review: Pending Approval**

One of the following thresholds has been exceeded and the ACH transfer transaction must be approved by a Reviewer before it can be processed:

- Batch Review Threshold
- Daily Review Threshold
- Daily Settlement Review Threshold
- File Review Threshold
- Monthly Review Threshold
- Number of Files per Day Allowed
- Transaction review Threshold
- Weekly Review Threshold

## Transfer has been canceled

An ACH transfer transaction was canceled by the User before completion.

## Transfer has been suspended

The ACH transfer transaction was initiated, but temporarily stopped.

#### **Transfer Processed**

The ACH transfer transaction has been successfully submitted by the User and sent in an ACH origination batch file.

### **Transfer Processing**

The ACH transfer transaction has been successfully submitted by the User and will be sent in an ACH origination batch file.

### **User Deleted**

The ACH transfer transaction was initiated, but later it was deleted by the User.

## **User Suspended**

The ACH transfer transaction was initiated, but later it was modified by the User.

## Workflow was down

The system was unavailable when the ACH transfer transaction was attempted.

# **Support**

Call Customer Service at Greenfield Savings Bank with any questions at (413) 774-3191 or toll-free at 888-324-3191.

Support is available during normal business hours, 7:00am - 7:00pm Monday through Friday and Saturday 9:00am - 3:00pm.