



POSITIVE PAY

One of the most effective check fraud prevention tools is Positive Pay, an automated check-matching service that is unparalleled in detecting most bogus checks. This service is offered by Bennington State Bank Cash Management Department. To use this service, the customer transmits to BSB a file containing information about the checks it has issued. Positive Pay compares the account number, the check number, dollar amount on checks presented for payment against the list of checks issued and authorized by the company. All the components of the check must match exactly or it becomes an “exception item.” BSB will then provide this list to our customer through our Online Banking System to determine each exception item’s authenticity. If the check is fraudulent or has been altered, the customer marks that item to be returned, via BSB’s Online banking, and BSB will return the check unpaid, and the fraud is foiled. For Positive Pay to be effective, the customer must send the data to the bank before the checks are mailed. Because revisions in the UCC impose liability for check fraud losses on both the bank and its customer, it is in everyone’s interest to help prevent losses. When a company uses high security checks with Positive Pay, the risk and liability for check fraud are substantially reduced.

Customer Benefits

- Increased fraud prevention to minimize exposure
- Monitor and detect unusual activity
- Reduce time previously spent working fraudulent items; save money
- Ability to make ‘pay/no pay’ decisions on suspect items

Online Convenience

- Through BSB On-line Banking, you can ‘receive’ and ‘return’ suspect item information
- Provides multi-user access from multiple locations
- Online image provides a tool to aid in your ‘pay’ or ‘return’ decisions
- Online Positive Pay offers dual levels of authorization
- The ability to send the bank ‘issue’ and ‘void’ information online

REVERSE POSITIVE PAY

For organizations or individuals with relatively small check volume, generally less than 5 checks per day, Reverse Positive Pay should be considered. This service allows a customer to review in-clearing checks daily to identify unauthorized items. The customer uses BSB’s Online Banking to review the checks each day and manually compares them to the checks they have written. Suspect checks are then marked on the website with either a ‘Pay’ or ‘Return’ action. While Reverse Positive Pay provides timely information on a small scale, for larger operations it is not a worthy substitute for Positive Pay.

See your BSB representative today for more details on how these tools can insure a safer and more productive banking experience.