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Re:  Release:  1272
         Reference release:  1266
         Service Request:  15157
         Error Report:  1655
         Programs:  PPOT1272, PPP761
         Copymembers:  None
         Include Members:  None
         DDL Members:  None
         Bind Members:  None
         CICS Maps:  None
         Forms:  None
         Table Updates:  None
         Urgency:  Not Urgent (See Timing of Installation)

**Service Request 15157**

Service Request 15157 asks that processes be developed to support the implementation of “agency shop” for exclusive bargaining agents representing bargaining units at the University of California. Initially, a temporary process was implemented (release 1266, program PPP761) to establish Fair Share deductions and to perform de-enrollments from Fair Share, union dues and Fair Share related charity deductions under certain circumstances.

The initial version of PPP761 was not designed to de-enroll from Fair Share those employees whose appointment(s) had changed in such a way as to invalidate existing Fair Share participation. This release rectifies that omission.

**Error Report 1655**

Error report 1655 identifies a problem with the formatting of the content of the XCHG-TIMESTAMP field of the Employee Change File produced by program PPP761. As formatted by PPP761 the field contains hyphens and periods. It should contain no punctuation whatsoever.
Programs

PPP761

Program PPP761 has undergone three modifications in this release:

1. When run in “first of the month” mode the program will now de-enroll any employee whose record carries a Fair Share or charity ‘G’ balance which is not supported by a current appointment. For example, a ‘G’ balance for Gross-To-Net (GTN) Number 456 was established for employee ‘A’ in January because the employee held a covered appointment in the Patient Care Technical (EX) unit. However, that appointment carried an end date of 01/31/2000 so the new version of PPP761, run in “first of the month” mode, will drop the ‘G’ balance for GTN 456.

2. PPP761 places a DB2-style timestamp in the XCHG-TIMESTAMP field of each Employee Change File (ECF) record. This timestamp, which is 26 bytes in length and contains various punctuating characters, is truncated to 14 bytes as it is moved to the ECF record. However, the ECF timestamp should contain no punctuation, as program PPP742 will be unable to process the record if the timestamp does contain non-numeric characters. With this release, PPP761 is modified to supply a proper timestamp to the ECF record.

3. As originally released, PPP761 would pass a return code of ‘5’ to the system when a “see systems” error was encountered. With this release, it will pass a return code of ‘9’ under such conditions.

PPOT1272

PPOT1272 is a one-time program which reads an incorrectly formatted ECF as produced by the release 1266 version of program PPP761 and writes an new copy of that file with a corrected timestamp field.

Test Plan

The test plan is provided as a separate document.

Installation Instructions

1. Install one-time batch program PPOT1272.
2. Install, DB2 pre-compile, compile and link-edit the modified batch program PPP761.
4. Execute the tests described in the test plan document, which accompanies this release.
5. Install the modified version of PPP761 into production.
6. Install the one-time program PPOT1272 into production.
7. Execute program PPOT1272 to correct any Employee Change Files generated by PPP761 prior to this release.

Timing of Installation

The installation of this release is not urgent. However, for some campuses there may be a functional benefit to installing this release prior to running PPP761 in “first of the month” mode in February. If the original version of PPP761 is used for that run some employees who should be de-enrolled from Fair Share deductions may not be. That is, under the original version of the program any employee who has no current, covered appointment in the unit for which he is paying Fair Share will not be de-enrolled. Under the release 1272 version, such de-enrollments will occur.

In any event, campuses are encouraged to install this release in as timely a fashion as possible and in the normal numeric sequence.
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