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- b. The member fails to make the first payment or makes an initial payment but no subsequent payments.
- 21. A covered account is used in a manner that is not consistent with established patterns of activity on the account. There is, for example:
- a. Nonpayment when there is no history of late or missed payments;
- b. A material increase in the use of available credit:
- $\ensuremath{\text{c.}}$  A material change in purchasing or spending patterns;
- d. A material change in electronic fund transfer patterns in connection with a deposit account; or
- e. A material change in telephone call patterns in connection with a cellular phone account.
- 22. A covered account that has been inactive for a reasonably lengthy period of time is used (taking into consideration the type of account, the expected pattern of usage and other relevant factors).
- 23. Mail sent to the member is returned repeatedly as undeliverable although transactions continue to be conducted in connection with the member's covered account.
- 24. The federal credit union is notified that the member is not receiving paper account statements.
- 25. The federal credit union is notified of unauthorized charges or transactions in connection with a member's covered account.
- Notice From Members, Victims of Identity Theft, Law Enforcement Authorities, or Other Persons Regarding Possible Identity Theft in Connection With Covered Accounts Held by the Federal Credit Union
- 26. The federal credit union is notified by a member, a victim of identity theft, a law enforcement authority, or any other person that it has opened a fraudulent account for a person engaged in identity theft.

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### **PART 721—INCIDENTAL POWERS**

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#### § 721.1 What does this part cover?

This part authorizes a federal credit union (you) to engage in activities incidental to your business as set out in this part. This part also describes how interested parties may request a legal opinion on whether an activity is within a federal credit union's incidental powers or apply to add new activities or categories to the regulation. An activity approved in a legal opinion to an interested party or as a result of an application by an interested party to add new activities or categories is recognized as an incidental powers activity for all federal credit unions. This part does not apply to the activities of corporate credit unions.

## § 721.2 What is an incidental powers activity?

An incidental powers activity is one that is necessary or requisite to enable you to carry on effectively the business for which you are incorporated. An activity meets the definition of an incidental power activity if the activity:

- (a) Is convenient or useful in carrying out the mission or business of credit unions consistent with the Federal Credit Union Act;
- (b) Is the functional equivalent or logical outgrowth of activities that are part of the mission or business of credit unions; and
- (c) Involves risks similar in nature to those already assumed as part of the business of credit unions.

# § 721.3 What categories of activities are preapproved as incidental powers necessary or requisite to carry on a credit union's business?

The categories of activities in this section are preapproved as incidental to carrying on your business under §721.2. The examples of incidental powers activities within each category are provided in this section as illustrations