What you need to know about E*TRADE Advisor Services' annual notification to account owners who have third-party authorization for distributions and revised letter for advisor-initiated third-party distributions



The SEC requires both RIAs and custodians to have procedures in place designed to protect investors when they authorize their financial advisors to make distributions from their accounts to a third party on their behalf.

E*TRADE Advisor Services' procedures include:

- Notifying account owners when E*TRADE Advisor Services initially receives an Advisor Authorization for Distributions where third-party instructions are provided.
- Notifying account owners each time an advisor-initiated third-party distribution is processed.
- Sending an annual notice to account owners who have a third-party authorization on file.

The accompanying <u>annual notification letter</u>, as well as a list of your account owners that have a third-party authorization on file receiving the notification, will be provided to you by your Relationship Manager. These notifications will be mailed the week of February 25, 2019.

A sample of the revised letter sent to account owners when an advisor-initiated third-party distribution is processed will also be provided to you by your Relationship Manager. The accompanying <u>advisor-initiated third-party distribution notice</u> will be sent for all such distributions processed on or after February 25, 2019.

For more details on these requirements, please review these past RIA Connection features:

http://riaconnection.trustamerica.com/bulletins/new-mitigating-ria-custody-resulting-from-standing-letters-of-authorization

http://riaconnection.trustamerica.com/bulletins/new-update-mitigating-ria-custody-resulting-from-standing-letters-of-authorization

Please let your Relationship Manager know if you have questions.