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October 20, 2023

<<CA ONLY: Notice of Data Breach>>

Dear <<FIRST NAME>> <<LAST NAME>>:

Wescom Credit Union is writing to notify you of an incident involving Barracuda Network, Inc, a security and data protection company that provides organizations worldwide, including Wescom, with network protection solutions. We want to provide you with information about the incident, our response, and the steps you may take to better protect against possible misuse of your personal information, should you feel it necessary to do so.

**What Happened?**

On May 19, 2023, Barracuda announced a wide-spread vulnerability in their ESG appliance which allowed third party access to a subset of their ESG appliances since October 2022. On May 30, 2023, Barracuda confirmed this impacted Wescom. Upon notice, Wescom immediately removed the appliance from the network and began an investigation into the incident with cybersecurity experts.

**What Information Was Involved?**

The investigation determined the ESG had been accessed and that some emails and attachments stored on the appliances between October 30, 2022 and May 30, 2023, were potentially at risk. We reviewed the contents of the emails and attachments that were potentially accessible to the unauthorized person for personal information. On September 29, 2023, we determined that one or more emails or attachments stored on the ESG appliances included your: <<DataElements>>.

**What We Are Doing**

The security, privacy, and confidentiality of your personal information is among our highest priorities. We assure you that we take this incident very seriously and decommissioned our ESG appliances immediately upon notification and are no longer utilizing those systems.

**Complimentary Credit Monitoring**

Wescom values your privacy and sincerely apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused you. Although there is no indication that other account information was compromised as a result of this incident, as a precaution, we are offering a 12-month membership to identity protection services through IDX. The IDX identity protection services include: one year of triple bureau credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed identity theft recovery services. Please note the deadline to enroll in services is January 20, 2024.

**What You Can Do**

We remind you to remain vigilant to the possibility of fraud by reviewing your financial statements and credit reports for any unauthorized activity. If you see anything you do not recognize, please contact us or the relevant financial

institution right away. We have also included information on what you can do to better protect against possible misuse of your information.

Review the enclosed “Additional Steps You Can Take” document to continue to guard your information from fraud or identity theft. If you see anything you do not understand, call the credit agency immediately.

Sign up for free Account Alerts in Online Banking to help you keep track of your Wescom accounts via text message or email notifications.

Visit our Security Center at [wescom.org/security-center](http://wescom.org/security-center) for more ways on how Wescom can help you keep your accounts safe.

**For More Information**

We sincerely regret any inconvenience caused by this incident. If you have any questions, please call 1-888-861-6546, Monday through Friday, between 6:00 am and 6:00 pm, Pacific Time.

Sincerely,

*Mark Dy-Ragos*

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Vice President, Information Security

## ADDITIONAL STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

We remind you it is always advisable to be vigilant for incidents of fraud or identity theft by reviewing your account statements and free credit reports for any unauthorized activity. You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, once every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies. To order your annual free credit report, please visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call toll free at 1-877-322-8228. Contact information for the three nationwide credit reporting companies is as follows:

*Equifax*, PO Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374, [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com), 1-800-685-1111

*Experian*, PO Box 2002, Allen, TX 75013, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com), 1-888-397-3742

*TransUnion*, PO Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com), 1-800-916-8800

If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have reason to believe your personal information has been misused, you should immediately contact the Federal Trade Commission and/or the Attorney General's office in your state. You can obtain information from these sources about steps an individual can take to avoid identity theft as well as information about fraud alerts and security freezes. You should also contact your local law enforcement authorities and file a police report. Obtain a copy of the police report in case you are asked to provide copies to creditors to correct your records. Contact information for the Federal Trade Commission is as follows:

*Federal Trade Commission*, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft)

### ***Fraud Alerts and Credit or Security Freezes:***

**Fraud Alerts:** There are two types of general fraud alerts you can place on your credit report to put your creditors on notice that you may be a victim of fraud—an initial alert and an extended alert. You may ask that an initial fraud alert be placed on your credit report if you suspect you have been, or are about to be, a victim of identity theft. An initial fraud alert stays on your credit report for one year. You may have an extended alert placed on your credit report if you have already been a victim of identity theft with the appropriate documentary proof. An extended fraud alert stays on your credit report for seven years.

To place a fraud alert on your credit reports, contact one of the nationwide credit bureaus. A fraud alert is free. The credit bureau you contact must tell the other two, and all three will place an alert on their versions of your report.

For those in the military who want to protect their credit while deployed, an Active Duty Military Fraud Alert lasts for one year and can be renewed for the length of your deployment. The credit bureaus will also take you off their marketing lists for pre-screened credit card offers for two years, unless you ask them not to.

**Credit or Security Freezes:** You have the right to put a credit freeze, also known as a security freeze, on your credit file, free of charge, which makes it more difficult for identity thieves to open new accounts in your name. That's because most creditors need to see your credit report before they approve a new account. If they can't see your report, they may not extend the credit.

*How do I place a freeze on my credit reports?* There is no fee to place or lift a security freeze. Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a security freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting company. For information and instructions to place a security freeze, contact each of the credit reporting agencies at the addresses below:

**Experian Security Freeze**, PO Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

**TransUnion Security Freeze**, PO Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

**Equifax Security Freeze**, PO Box 105788, Atlanta, GA 30348, [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

You'll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and other personal information. After receiving your freeze request, each credit bureau will provide you with a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

*How do I lift a freeze?* A freeze remains in place until you ask the credit bureau to temporarily lift it or remove it altogether. If the request is made online or by phone, a credit bureau must lift a freeze within one hour. If the request is made by mail, then the bureau must lift the freeze no later than three business days after getting your request.

If you opt for a temporary lift because you are applying for credit or a job, and you can find out which credit bureau the business will contact for your file, you can save some time by lifting the freeze only at that particular credit bureau. Otherwise, you need to make the request with all three credit bureaus.