

NEW FEATURES IN THE 11.50 RELEASE

All Modules

- ✂✂ Mun-Ease now generates all of its reports through Crystal Reports. Crystal Reports allows users to export reports to PDF and Excel format. Reports exported to an Excel format will not lose the formatting characteristics.

Base Module

- ✂✂ *Takedowns Report & Data Entry Screens*- Users can now enter an unlimited number of costs associated with the computation of the underwriter discount. Users can enter their own descriptions of these costs. Prior versions of Mun-Ease provided a limited number of costs.
- ✂✂ We've provided a new Miscellaneous Issuance Costs report (#83). Users can either enter dollar amounts or have the costs computed as a percentage of the par value of the bonds.
- ✂✂ We've added a new tabbed page to *File | Fixed Rate Bonds| TIC/Bids* menu option. The new tabbed page highlights the different reports available to the user.

Variable Rate Submodule (part of Base Module)

- ✂✂ We've added a new button to paste the debt service from another bond issue to the variable rate transaction grid. (This feature is useful when developing different variable rate scenarios for a swaps analysis).
- ✂✂ We've added new features to allow the user to create what-if scenarios for future debt service payments. To estimate future debt service payments, users input new values in the interest rate column. You then click on the *Recalc interest from new rates* button and Mun-Ease will recalculate future debt service payments based on the new values for the interest rates. Mun-Ease only recalculates interest on those transactions where the *Keeper* flag is set to False.
- ✂✂ **Background:** The variable rate transaction grid allows you to maintain both a historical record of debt service that have already been made and projections of future debt service payments. Actual payments are distinguished from projections by setting the *Keeper* flag to True.
- ✂✂ We've added a new button to purge all transactions that have a *Keeper* flag set to False.
- ✂✂ We're now using function keys to assist with data entry in the variable rate transaction grid. Shown below are capabilities associated with function keys:
 - <F1> Help
 - <F2> Copy contents of transaction to memory
 - <F3> Paste description to a new transaction
 - <F4> Set the *Keeper* flag to true for ALL transactions
 - <F5> Set the *Keeper* flag to false for ALL transactions
 - <F6> Call the Financial Calculator
 - <F7> Call the Windows Calculator

Arbitrage Module

- ☞☞ We've added a new *Package my reports* button the rebate/penalty calculations menu option. This option allows the user to combine requested reports into one packaged report. Mun-Ease sequentially numbers the subreports in the package and produces a table of contents.
- ☞☞ We've added a new feature that allows you to enter computation credits you are performing rebate calculations for a user-specified fund. *Example:* Within Mun-Ease, computation credits are entered with a fund ID starting with a tilde (~) character. Assume though that you are performing rebate calculations for a debt service reserve fund and that you have designated transactions in the fund with a fund ID equal to "DSR." Previously Mun-Ease would only select transactions with a fund ID equal to "DSR." However, in the 11.50 release, Mun-Ease will select transactions with a fund ID equal to DSR and ~DSR.
- ☞☞ The rebate transaction data entry grid now allows you to use function keys to assist with data entry. Shown below are the new capabilities associated with function keys:
 - <F1> Help
 - <F2> Copy contents of transaction to memory
 - <F3> Paste description to new transaction
 - <F4> Paste amount to new transaction
 - <F5> Flip the sign of a transaction
 - <F6> Delete all nonpurpose transactions for a Group ID
 - <F7> Delete all purpose transactions for a Group ID
 - <F8> Delete all nonpurpose transactions for a Fund
 - <F9> Delete all purpose transactions for a specified Fund
 - <F10> Turn on the Reconciled flag for all transactions

Sizing & Refunding Modules

- ☞☞ We've provided a new *Miscellaneous Issuance Costs* Window and report that provides line-item details for the amount entered for Other TIC costs. Users can access this window by pressing the details button next to the Other TIC Costs input field.
- ☞☞ We've added a new *Package my reports* button the Sizing Results window. This option allows the user to combine requested reports into one packaged report. Mun-Ease sequentially numbers the subreports in the package and produces a table of contents.

Stand-Alone Reporting Module

- ☞☞ We've completely revamped the Premium/Discount Amortization report (see front page of newsletter for details). The new report is compatible with GASB 34 rules.
- ☞☞ We added a second title line to the Combined Debt Service and Combined Indebtedness reports. Users are able to enter their own description to be included in the report.

Features In Depth: How to Download SLGS Rates from the Internet

- ☞☞ From the *Mun-Ease Main Menu*, choose the *Web / Import SLGS Rates* menu option. Mun-Ease then initiates your web browser and directs you to the FTP server of the Bureau of Public Debt.
- ☞☞ Right-click on the daily rate table that you wish to import. Daily rate tables are stored in a comma-delimited format. Choose the daily table that you need. (Daily tables are named SPE<yyyy><mm><dd>.TXT where <yyyy> is the year, <mm> is the month, and <dd> is the day. Save the daily rate table to your personal directory (wmuni\<xxx> where <xxx> is your personal ID.
- ☞☞ Within Mun-Ease, choose the *Setup / SLGS* menu option. Click on the *Import (.Txt from web)* radio button. Browse to your personal directory and click on the SLGS text file that you saved in Step 2. Mun-Ease will automatically save the SLGS rates with an ID of <yyyy><mm><dd>. You can change the ID if you desire.