RULES FOR CARD ISSUERS THAT BILL ON A TRANSACTION-BY-TRANSACTION BASIS

The following provisions of Subpart B apply if credit cards are issued and the card issuer and the seller are the same or related persons; no finance charge is imposed; consumers are billed in full for each use of the card on a transaction-by-transaction basis, by means of an invoice or other statement reflecting each use of the card; and no cumulative account is maintained which reflects the transactions by each consumer during a period of time, such as a month. The term "related person" refers to, for example, a franchised or licensed seller of a creditor’s product or service or a seller who assigns or sells sales accounts to a creditor or arranges for credit under a plan that allows the consumer to use the credit only in transactions with that seller. A seller is not related to the creditor merely because the seller and the creditor have an agreement authorizing the seller to honor the creditor’s credit card.

1. Section 226.6(a)(5) or § 226.6(b)(5)(iii).
2. Section 226.6(a)(2) or § 226.6(b)(3)(ii)(B), as applicable. The disclosure required by §226.6(a)(2) or §226.6(b)(3)(ii)(B) shall be limited to those charges that are or may be imposed as a result of the deferral of payment by use of the card, such as late payment or delinquency charges. A tabular format is not required.
3. Section 226.6(a)(4) or § 226.6(b)(5)(ii).
4. Section 226.7(a)(2) or § 226.7(b)(2), as applicable. §226.7(a)(5) or §226.7(b)(3), as applicable.
Creditors may comply by placing the required disclosures on the invoice or statement sent to the consumer for each transaction.

Section 226.9(a). Creditors may comply by mailing or delivering the statement required by §226.6(a)(5) or §226.6(b)(5)(i)(I) (see appendix G–4 and G–3A to this part) to each consumer receiving a transaction invoice during a one-month period chosen by the card issuer or by sending either the statement prescribed by §226.6(a)(5) or §226.6(b)(5)(i)(I), or an alternative billing error rights statement substantially similar to that in appendix G–4 and G–3A to this part, with each invoice sent to a consumer.

Section 226.9(c). A tabular format is not required.

Section 226.10.

Section 226.11(a). This section applies when a card issuer receives a payment or other credit that exceeds by more than $1 the amount due, as shown on the transaction invoice. The requirement to credit amounts to an account may be complied with by other reasonable means, such as by a credit memorandum. Since no periodic statement is provided, a notice of the credit balance shall be sent to the consumer within a reasonable period of time following its occurrence unless a refund of the credit balance is mailed or delivered to the consumer within seven business days of its receipt by the card issuer.

Section 226.12 including §226.12(c) and (d), as applicable. Section 226.12(e) is inapplicable.

Section 226.13, as applicable. All references to “periodic statement” shall be read to indicate the invoice or other statement for the relevant transaction. All actions with regard to correcting and adjusting a consumer’s account may be taken by issuing a refund or a new invoice, or by other appropriate means consistent with the purposes of the section.

Section 226.15, as applicable.

Optional Annual Percentage Rate Computations for Creditors Offering Open-End Plans Subject to the Requirements of §226.5b

In determining the denominator of the fraction under §226.14(c)(3), no amount will be used more than once when adding the sum of the balances subject to periodic rates to the sum of the amounts subject to specific transaction charges. Where a portion of the finance charge is determined by application of one or more daily periodic rates, the phrase “sum of the balances” shall also mean the “average of daily balances.” In every case, the full amount of transactions subject to specific transaction charges shall be included in the denominator. Other balances or parts of balances shall be included according to the manner of determining the balance subject to a periodic rate, as illustrated in the following examples of accounts on monthly billing cycles:

1. Previous balance—none. A specific transaction of $100 occurs on the first day of the billing cycle. The average daily balance is $100. A specific transaction charge of 3 percent is applicable to the specific transaction. The periodic rate is 11/2 percent applicable to the average daily balance. The numerator is the amount of the finance charge, which is $4.50. The denominator is the amount of the transaction (which is $100), plus the amount by which the balance subject to the periodic rate exceeds the amount of the specific transactions (such excess in this case is 0), totaling $100.

The annual percentage rate is the quotient (which is 41/2 percent) multiplied by 12 (the number of months in a year), i.e., 54 percent.

2. Previous balance—$100. A specific transaction of $100 occurs at the midpoint of the billing cycle. The average daily balance is $150. A specific transaction charge of 3 percent is applicable to the specific transaction. The periodic rate is 11/2 percent applicable to the average daily balance. The numerator is the amount of the finance charge, which is $5.25. The denominator is the amount of the transaction (which is $100), plus the amount by which the balance subject to the periodic rate exceeds the amount of the specific transactions (such excess in this case is $50), totaling $150. As explained in example 1, the annual percentage rate is 3 1/2 percent × 12 = 42 percent.

3. If, in example 2, the periodic rate applies only to the previous balance, the numerator is $4.50 and the denominator is $260 (the amount of the transaction, $100, plus the balance subject only to the periodic rate, the $100 previous balance). As explained in example 1, the annual percentage rate is 3 1/2 percent × 12 = 42 percent.

4. If, in example 2, the periodic rate applies only to an adjusted balance (previous balance less payments and credits) and the consumer made a payment of $50 at the midpoint of the billing cycle, the numerator is $3.75 and the denominator is $150 (the amount of the transaction, $100, plus the balance subject to the periodic rate, the $50 adjusted balance). As explained in example 1, the annual percentage rate is 3 1/2 percent × 12 = 30 percent.

5. Previous balance—$100. A specific transaction (check) of $100 occurs at the midpoint of the billing cycle. The average daily balance is $150. The specific transaction charge is $2.25 per check. The periodic rate is 11/2 percent applied to the average daily balance. The numerator is the amount of the finance charge, which is $2.50 and includes the $2.25 check charge and the