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# MASTERING CARD PROCESSING FEES

# 3 Takeaways for today:



BENCHMARK YOUR FEES: GAIN A COMPETITIVE EDGE



(S) NAVIGATING LEGISLATION: AN ALLY IN REDUCING FEES?

# TAKEAWAY 1:

BENCHMARK YOUR FEES: GAIN A COMPETITIVE EDGE

### HOW DO YOU COMPARE TO AN AVERAGE PIX MERCHANT?



STANDARD PRICING: PASS-THRU + \$0.06



AVG MONTHLY VOLUME: \$120,000



AVG MONTHLY TRX: 5,500



AVG GPM: 50,000

#### ALL STORE AVG

AVG TICKET	EFFECTIVE RATE
\$10.00	3.40%
\$12.00	3.15%
\$14.00	2.89%
\$16.00	2.64%
\$18.00	2.38%
\$20.00	2.13%
\$22.00	2.07%
\$24.00	2.01%
\$26.00	1.94%
\$28.00	1.88%
\$30.00	1.82%
\$32.00	1.82%
\$34.00	1.81%
\$36.00	1.81%
\$38.00	1.80%
\$40.00	1.80%
\$42.00	1.79%
\$44.00	1.79%
\$46.00	1.78%
\$48.00	1.76%
\$50.00	1.73%
\$52.00	1.71%
\$54.00	1.69%
\$56.00	1.67%
\$58.00	1.64%
\$60.00	1.62%

#### **EFFECTIVE RATE BY CARD TYPE**

AVG TICKET	AMEX	DEBIT	DISCOVER	MASTERCARD	VISA
\$10.00	3.30%	2.74%	3.19%	2.90%	2.62%
\$12.00	3.22%	2.59%	3.11%	2.82%	2.56%
\$14.00	3.15%	2.44%	3.03%	2.74%	2.51%
\$16.00	3.07%	2.29%	2.95%	2.66%	2.45%
\$18.00	3.00%	2.14%	2.87%	2.58%	2.40%
\$20.00	2.92%	1.99%	2.79%	2.51%	2.34%
\$22.00	2.85%	1.83%	2.72%	2.43%	2.28%
\$24.00	2.77%	1.68%	2.64%	2.35%	2.22%
\$26.00	2.70%	1.53%	2.56%	2.27%	2.16%
\$28.00	2.62%	1.38%	2.48%	2.19%	2.12%
\$30.00	2.55%	1.23%	2.40%	2.11%	2.08%
\$32.00	2.47%	1.21%	2.32%	2.09%	2.04%
\$34.00	2.40%	1.19%	2.32%	2.07%	1.99%
\$36.00	2.32%	1.17%	2.32%	2.05%	1.95%
\$38.00	2.32%	1.15%	2.31%	2.02%	1.91%
\$40.00	2.31%	1.13%	2.31%	2.00%	1.87%
\$42.00	2.31%	1.11%	2.31%	1.98%	1.86%
\$44.00	2.30%	1.09%	2.31%	1.96%	1.84%
\$46.00	2.30%	1.08%	2.31%	1.94%	1.83%
\$48.00	2.29%	1.06%	2.30%	1.92%	1.82%
\$50.00	2.29%	1.04%	2.30%	1.90%	1.81%
\$52.00	2.28%	1.02%	2.30%	1.88%	1.79%
\$54.00	2.28%	1.00%	2.30%	1.85%	1.78%
\$56.00	2.27%	0.98%	2.29%	1.83%	1.77%
\$58.00	2.27%	0.96%	2.29%	1.81%	1.75%
\$60.00	2.26%	0.94%	2.29%	1.79%	1.74%

# BIGGEST FACTORS IMPACTING EFFECTIVE RATE

- 1. YOUR AVG TICKET
- 2. YOUR CARD MIX
- 3. YOUR PROCESSOR

# **AVERAGE TICKET**

#### MOST INTERCHANGE FEES INCLUDE A FIXED TRANSACTION FEE.

LARGER SALES REDUCE THE IMPACT

The 5 most common interchange fees at a C-store.

Sale amount

Effective Rate = Fees/Sale amount

11			\$1.00	SALE	\$5.00	SALE	\$10.00	SALE	\$20.0	0 SALE	\$50.0	0 SALE
Transaction Type	Fee %	Trans Fee	Fee %	EFF Rate	Fee %	EFF Rate	Fee %	EFF Rate	Fee %	EFF Rate	Fee %	EFF Rate
VISA or MC regulated debit	0.05%	\$0.22	\$0.22	22.05%	\$0.22	4.45%	\$0.23	2.25%	\$0.23	1.15%	\$0.25	0.49%
VISA automated fuel disp. (AFD)	1.15%	\$0.25	\$0.26	26.15%	\$0.22	0005	\$0.37	3.65%	\$0.48	2.40%	\$0.83	1.65%
VISA small ticket item	1.65%	\$0.04	\$0.06	5.65%	\$0.22	0005	\$0.21	2.05%	\$0.37	1.85%	\$0.87	1.73%
MC automated fuel disp. (AFD)	0.70%	\$0.17	\$0.18	17.70%	\$0.22	0005	\$0.24	2.40%	\$0.31	1.55%	\$0.52	1.04%
MC petroleum base	2.00%	\$0.00	\$0.02	2.00%	\$0.22	0005	\$0.20	2.00%	\$0.40	2.00%	\$1.00	2.00%

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# CARD MIX - \$30 SALE

#### MOST COMMON FEE FOR EACH CARD TYPE

CARD	DISCOUNT RATE % + ASSESSMENTS	TRANSACTION FEE	\$30 SALE TOTAL FEE	EFFECTIVE RATE
DEBIT + INTERLINK DEBIT NETWORK	0.10%	\$0.22	\$0.25	0.83%
AMERICAN EXPRESS	2.015%	\$0.12	\$0.73	2.42%
DISCOVER	1.94%	\$0.05	\$0.63	2.11%
MASTERCARD PETROLEUM BASE	2.13%	-	\$0.64	2.13%
VISA FUEL CONSUMER CREDIT	1.29%	\$0.25	\$0.64	2.12%
FLEET	3.00%	\$0.25	\$1.15	3.83%
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## **CARD MIX - DEBIT DISCOUNT AT THE PUMP**

#### HOW MUCH WILL I LOSE TO WIN MORE GALLONS?

### **10 GALLONS**

Posted Credit Price: \$3.30 Posted Cash/Debit Price: \$3.25

CARD	PRICE PER GALLON	TOTAL SALE	DISCOUNT RATE % + ASSESSMENTS	TRANSACTION FEE	TOTAL FEES	Effective rate	GROSS PROFIT
VISA	\$3.30	\$33.00	1.29%	\$0.25	\$0.68	2.05%	\$32.32
DEBIT + INTERLINK	\$3.25	\$32.50	0.10%	\$0.22	\$0.25	0.78%	\$32.25
DISCOVER	\$3.30	\$33.00	1.94%	\$0.05	\$0.69	2.09%	\$32.31
AMERICAN EXPRESS	\$3.30	\$33.00	2.02%	\$0.12	\$0.79	2.38%	\$32.21
MASTERCARD	\$3.30	\$33.00	2.13%	О	\$0.70	2.13%	\$32.30
FLEET	\$3.30	\$33.00	3.00%	\$0.25	\$1.24	3.76%	\$31.76

### **40 GALLONS**

CARD	PRICE PER GALLON	TOTAL SALE	DISCOUNT RATE % + ASSESSMENTS	TRANSACTION FEE	TOTAL FEES	Effective rate	GROSS PROFIT
VISA	\$3.30	\$132.00	1.29%	\$0.25	\$1.95	1.48%	\$130.05
DEBIT + INTERLINK	\$3.25	\$130.00	0.10%	\$0.22	\$0.35	0.27%	\$129.65
DISCOVER	\$3.30	\$132.00	1.94%	\$0.05	\$2.61	1.98%	\$129.39
AMERICAN EXPRESS	\$3.30	\$132.00	2.02%	\$0.12	\$2.79	2.11%	\$129.21
MASTERCARD	\$3.30	\$132.00	2.13%	0	\$2.81	2.13%	\$129.19
FLEET	\$3.30	\$132.00	3.00%	\$0.25	\$4.21	3.19%	\$127.79

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## I'M PAYING \$0.03 PER TRANSACTION, RIGHT?

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OR
FLAT/TIERED/BLENDED PRICING?
(SEE BRANDED FEES)

AUTHORIZATION FEE & ITEM FEE?

**AVS FEE?** 

VI. RATES & FEES (FOR VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER AND AMERICAN EXPRESS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED) Mid-Qualified Non-Qualified Interchange Plus Tiered Pricing %+\$ 0.10 %+\$0.10 Credit ERR Pricing Flat Rate/Fee Debit Debit %+\$0.10▼ %+\$ 0.10 American Express OptBlue\* MCC/SIC Qualified Mid-Qualified Non-Qualified Transaction Fee (includes returns): Pricing Structure: Other Item Fee - Credit: %+\$0.10 %+\$0.10 ▼ Cost Plus Pricing Tiered Pricing er Item Fee - Signature Debit: Transaction Fee: Opt out of American Express Card ERR Pricing Marketing Materials ther Discount Rate - Credit Card Network Fees: Pass Through Other Discount Rate - Signature Debit: **American Express Direct** Amex Direct SE #: Transaction Fee: \$ \*American Express acceptance is automatically included along with Visa, MasterCard, and Discover. If no pricing method is selected for American Express or Amex Transaction Fee, then pricing method shall be the same as Visa, MasterCard and Discover. The default rates applicable for acceptance of American Express cards are as follows: (1) If Merchant if set up on TIERED RATES or ERR, then Qualified Rate: 2.99%, Mid-Qualified Rate +0.50%, and Non-Qualified +0.90%, and \$0.30 Amex Transaction Fee (2) ALL OTHER MERCHANTS (NON-TIERED), then Amex Direct Costs + 0.99%, and \$0.30 Amex Transaction Fee Merchant Club Address Verification Fee: Monthly DataMiner Fee: **Total Cost** See section 2.59 for further details. ual Customer Service Fee: EBT Cash EBT Food Header Fee: Per Trans Monthly Foundry Business Insights (FBI) Fee: See section 2.61 for further details. FNS #: Monthly Service Fee: Monthly Merchant Foundry Fee: Wright Express Rate: Monthly Minimum Discount Fee: Voice Authorization Fee Retrieval/Representment Fee: Regulatory Product Fee: Voyager Rate: %+\$ PCI Protection Plan: Initial One Time Setup Fee: PCI Compliance Non-Validation Paper Statement Fee: \$ 4.95 Touch Tone Transaction Fee: Monthly Fee: Gateway Setup Fee: (Plus pass through Online PIN Based Debit Discount Rate: Monthly Pin Debit Access Fee: Monthly Fee: + Transaction Wireless Setup Fee:

**PIN DEBIT FEE?** 

**PCI PROTECTION FEE** 

&

**PCI NON-COMPLIANCE FEE?** 

## I'M PAYING \$0.03 PER TRANSACTION, RIGHT?

#### **YOU THINK YOU'RE PAYING**

**AUTHORIZATION FEE** 

\$0.03

#### **REALITY**

**AUTHORIZATION FEE** \$0.03

**ITEM FEE** \$0.05

**AVS FEE** \$0.05

PIN DEBIT FEE \$0.05

**TOTAL** \$0.18

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75% OF MERCHANTS ARE PAYING NON-COMPLIANCE FEES \$400-\$1500/ANNUALLY\*

# BRAND FEE COMPARISON

## FOR AN AVERAGE C-STORE

Avg Ticket: \$28 **DEBIT** VISA/MC & **FLEET** • 60,000 GPM **FEES FEES OTHER FEES** 50% 2% 48% FEE of Transactions of Transactions TOTAL **EFFECTIVE NETWORK** of Transactions FEES\* **FEES DIFFERENCE** RATE PIX \$14,352 \$16,997 \$1,986 1.72% \$240 \$33,575 MARATHON \$15,468 \$19,610 \$1,754 \$1,020 \$37,853 1.94% (\$4,278.14)12 \$14,573 \$20,930 \$1,791 \$900 \$38,194 1.96% (\$4,619.14) Valero ExonMobil \$16,529 \$21,911 \$1,947 \$600 \$40,988 2.10% (\$7,413.15) \$16,541 \$21,998 \$2,011 \$41,618 2.14% \$1,068 (\$8,043.88)\$26,413 (\$8,338.71)\$12,551 \$1,749 \$1,200 \$41,913 2.15% Chevron (\$8,756.43) \$18,006 \$21,868 \$1,857 \$600 \$42,331 2.17% (\$9,101.58) \$16,049 \$23,963 \$1,764 \$42,676 \$900 2.19%

• Sales: \$2MM

• Transactions: 70K

### **BOTTOM LINE:**

# EVALUATING YOUR PROCESSOR AND PROCESSES COULD SAVE YOU THOUSANDS



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\$34.00	2.40%	1.19%	2.32%	2.07%	1.99%
\$36.00	2.32%	1.17%	2.32%	2.05%	1.95%
\$38.00	2.32%	1.15%	2.31%	2.02%	1.91%
\$40.00	2.31%	1.13%	2.31%	2.00%	1.87%
\$42.00	2.31%	1.11%	2.31%	1.98%	1.86%
\$44.00	2.30%	1.09%	2.31%	1.96%	1.84%
\$46.00	2.30%	1.08%	2.31%	1.94%	1.83%
\$48.00	2.29%	1.06%	2.30%	1.92%	1.82%
\$50.00	2.29%	1.04%	2.30%	1.90%	1.81%
\$52.00	2.28%	1.02%	2.30%	1.88%	1.79%
\$54.00	2.28%	1.00%	2.30%	1.85%	1.78%
\$56.00	2.27%	0.98%	2.29%	1.83%	1.77%
\$58.00	2.27%	0.96%	2.29%	1.81%	1.75%
\$60.00	2.26%	0.94%	2.29%	1.79%	1.74%

# **TAKEAWAY 2:**

# WIN MORE GALLONS: WHITE-LABEL MERCHANT SERVICES

### WHY WHITE-LABEL MERCHANT SERVICES?



#### **Increase Revenue:**

• Maximize Every Sale: Make each gallon count, boosting revenue without extra effort.



### **Expand Your Offering:**

- Offer Irresistible Rates: Attract and keep customers with unbeatable pricing
- Build Partnerships: Become a trusted partner, securing long-term loyalty.



### Reduce Financial Risks:

 Protect Your Profits: Shield your bottom line from unpaid invoices by offsetting invoices with payments.





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#### PIX

#### **QUICK STOP**

QUICK STOP INC

Facility ID: PIX1234

#### **Activity Summary**

Description	
Transactions	918
Gross	\$33,741.16
Fees	-\$484.05
Net	\$33,257.11
Effective Rate	1.43%

Batch(es): 93

#### Settlements

Card Type	Transactions	Gross	Fees	Net
American Express	32	\$1,561.07	-\$39.17	\$1,521.90
Discover	13	\$317.68	-\$7.61	\$310.07
Master Card	98	\$3,657.52	-\$69.49	\$3,588.03
Visa	240	\$9,364.10	-\$164.37	\$9,199.73
Voyager	1	\$35.38	-\$1.21	\$34.17
Wright Express	8	\$504.82	-\$16.99	\$487.83
Debit	509	\$17,570.33	-\$184.75	\$17,385.58

### **BLUEPRINT: HOW HARD IS THIS TO MAINTAIN**

#### REFERRAL PARTNER REPORT

REFERRAL PARTNER
123 MAIN ST
ALPHARETTA GA
EXAMPLE@EMAIL.COM

PERIOD TOTAL DUE

FEBRUARY 2024 \$2,730.74 3/15/24

Store	Transactions	Gross	Revenue Share
STORE 1	16,338	\$507,952.67	\$326.76
STORE 2	3,419	\$93,858.69	\$68.38
STORE 3	8,900	\$167,314.76	\$178.00
STORE 4	6,643	\$151,136.93	\$132.86
STORE 5	11,043	\$334,382.24	\$220.86
STORE 6	2,188	\$33,512.71	\$43.76
STORE 7	3,234	\$69,340.63	\$64.68
STORE 8	1,783	\$32,566.00	\$35.66
STORE 9	13,073	\$279,627.14	\$261.46
STORE 10	4,962	\$182,774.14	\$99.24
STORE 11	5,575	\$99,827.36	\$111.50
STORE 12	13,987	\$453,032.92	\$279.74
STORE 13	7,966	\$240,681.58	\$159.32
STORE 14	5,181	\$119,842.09	\$207.24
STORE 15	8,716	\$272,695.47	\$174.32
STORE 16	6,745	\$175,784.35	\$134.90
STORE 17	3,755	\$85,173.89	\$75.10
STORE 18	7,848	\$209,299.87	\$156.96
Total			\$2,730.74



NO COST TO IMPLEMENT, NO CONTRACT



FUEL WHOLESALER REMAINS OUT OF SCOPE, COMPLIANCE, AND RISK



COMPLETE SETUP BY SYNCING DATA TO YOUR BACK OFFICE THROUGH DTN

"Offering this service has given us an automatic "yes" when prospects ask if we can handle their processing.

Especially when debranding a store."

-BTL Member Testimonial

## TAKEAWAY 3:

NAVIGATING LEGISLATION: AN ALLY IN REDUCING FEES?

## **CREDIT CARD COMPETITION ACT OF 2023**



#### WHAT IS IT?

- The Credit Card Competition Act is bipartisan legislation to reduce card "swipe fees"
- Visa and Mastercard must allow alternative networks to process their cards, creating competition and potentially lowering Interchange fees.



#### THE GOOD

- Competition is good.
- Bigger Spotlight on Visa & Mastercard for high US swipe fees. (EU: 0.30%, US: 2.00%)



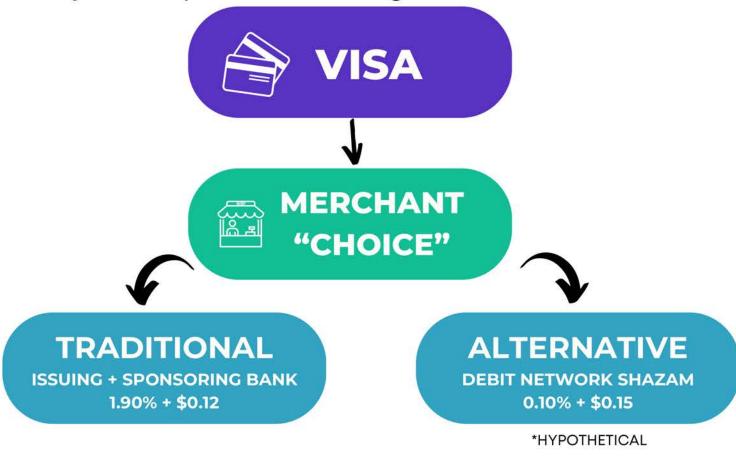
#### **THE BAD**

- Only impacts Visa & MC at Large banks.
- Excludes Amex, Discover, and Smaller Banks.
- Durbin Amendment was similar but for debit cards and the card brands found ways to compensate by raising other fees
- Consumers are being bombarded by "Point Tracking" companies like Nerd Wallet, making consumers opposed to this. This could lead to a higher adoption of Amex and Discover for savvy customers.



#### **PIX'S STANCE**

- "Choice" is given to the Merchant. Good in theory, but **INCREDIBLY HARD** to implement.
- Only large corporations have technology built in for card routing choice. Most merchants rely on their Processors to route their transactions (debit cards).
- FISERV is the largest processor in the petroleum world. They also own 2 debit networks: STAR and Accel. This could work to their advantage or they could pass the savings to the merchant.



# RECAP & QUESTIONS

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