# I THINK I'D LIKE TO **SURCHARGE CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS, BUT NOW WHAT?**

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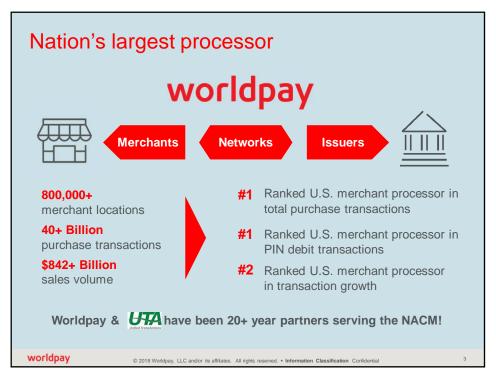
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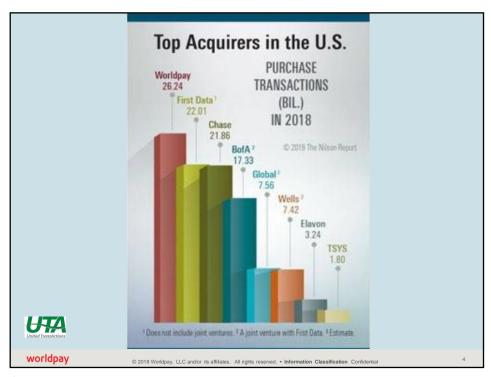
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# Agenda

- Surcharge Rules
- Compliant Surcharge Solution
- Update on States' laws
- Reducing fees



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# What is a surcharge?

A surcharge is an additional fee that a merchant adds on to a transaction when a customer uses a credit card for payment





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## Surcharging operating rules





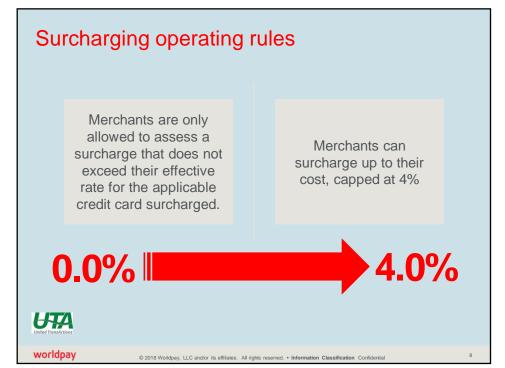
Effective January 27, 2013, U.S. merchants have the option of adding a surcharge to Visa and MasterCard credit card transactions.

Merchants who surcharge credit card transactions are subject to the following requirements:

- Visa and MasterCard permit surcharging of credit card transactions only.
- The settlement does NOT change current restrictions on the surcharging of debit transactions (signature or PIN).
- Merchants are able to surcharge credit card transactions at the brand level or product level.
  - o Brand Level = Merchant charges same % on all Visa and/or MC credit cards
  - o Product Level = Merchant charges a % on particular card types, such as Rewards Cards, Signature, World Cards, etc.



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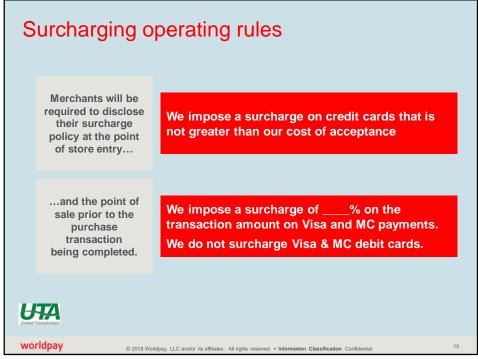
- Calculating the effective rate/surcharge amount:
  - The average effective Interchange Reimbursement Fee rate plus the average of all fees imposed by Visa/MC on the Acquirer or Merchant, expressed as a percentage of the Transaction amount, applicable to Credit Card Transactions at the Merchant for the preceding twelve months or most recent month.
- Merchants that elect to surcharge must provide advance written notice to Visa and MasterCard 30 days prior to surcharging.



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## Surcharging operating rules

The **transaction receipt** must show the surcharge amount separately on the front of the receipt in the same type font and size as the other items, after the subtotal (allowing for any discounts) and before the final transaction amount.

\*The surcharge amount must be included in both the **Network Authorization Request** and in **Settlement**.\*



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## Surcharging operating rules



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#### American Express - A

merchant must not impose a fee when the card is presented unless that fee is imposed equally on all other payment products, except for electronic funds transfer, cash, or check. No registration required, no separate surcharge field/amount required in authorization or settlement.

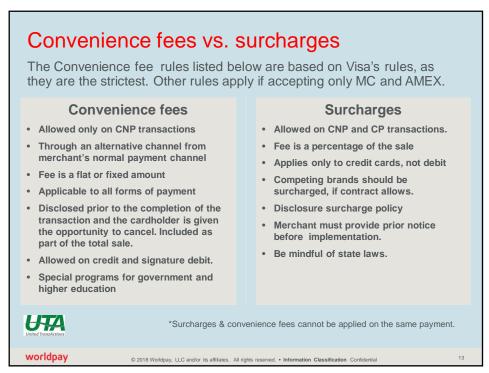
Discover - A merchant may assess a surcharge on a card sale provided that (a) the amount of the surcharge does not exceed the merchant fee paid to Discover for the card sale and (b) the merchant also assesses surcharges on card sales conducted using other cards accepted by the merchant. Same authorization/settlement requirements as Visa/MC.

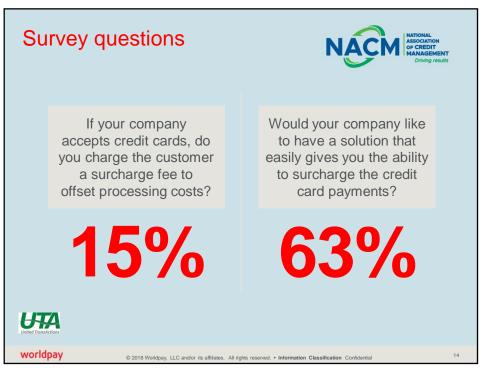


The foregoing is based on general information available to Worldpay. Each merchant should check their own requirements with respect to the networks in which they participate.

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## Technology & surcharging

If a merchant does not have the technology to help remain in compliance with the Card Networks' Surcharging Rules, the merchant may be subject to monthly fines from \$5,000 (Visa) to \$25,000 (MasterCard).

#### The UTA-Worldpay solution answers **YES** to the following questions.

- ✓ Does the solution pass the surcharge amount as a separate field within the transaction authorization and settlement?
- ✓ Is the surcharge amount added in automatically?
- ✓ Does the solution recognize the card type?
- Does the solution only surcharge credit cards and not debit cards?
- Does the receipt reflect the surcharge amount in the same font size and font style as the rest of the receipt?
- Is the surcharge amount reflected after the subtotal (allowing for any discounts) and before the final transaction amount?
- ✓ Does the solution pass Level 3 data?



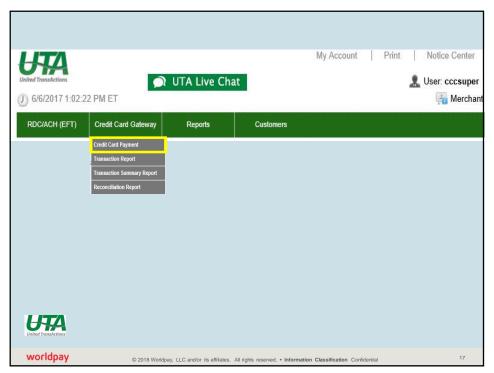
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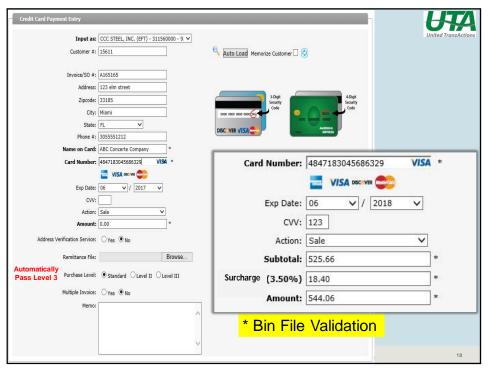
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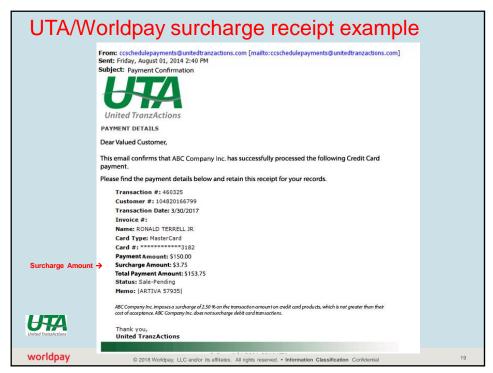
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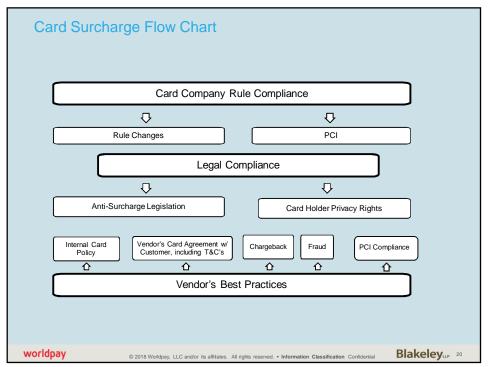
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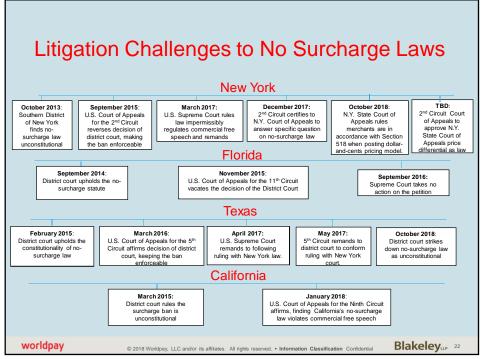








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# U.S Supreme Court Upholds Anti-Steering Provisions in American Express Case

The federal government, along with several state Attorney Generals brought a case against American Express for its anti-steering provisions for being anticompetitive.

Anti-steering provisions in contracts between American Express and merchants prohibit merchants from steering customers to cards with lower interchange fees through incentives or other means.

The Supreme Court held that the anti-steering provisions were not anticompetitive to cardholders and actually allowed American Express to offer more benefits to its cardholders.

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#### Canadian Credit Card Settlement

The settlement is subject to court approval in each of the five provinces in which the claims were brought

Hearings will be heard as follows

- British Columbia (Vancouver): Court approves settlement
  - "Visa and MasterCard have agreed to modify their no-surcharge rules to allow merchants to surcharge up to a cap, and to ensure this ability to surcharge remains in effect for a minimum of five years" (Coburn and Watson's Metropolitan Home v. BMO Financial Group).
- Alberta (Calgary): Court approves settlement
  - Refers to the Coburn and Watson's Metropolitan Home v. BMO Financial Group reasoning
- · Saskatchewan (Regina): Court approves settlement
- · Ontario (Toronto): Court approves settlement
- Quebec (Montreal): Court approves settlement

### Appeals have been filed in all five provinces

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States that Considered No Surcharge Legislation After 2013 **Class Action** Settlement

State	Date Proposal Introduced	Status
Hawaii	January 18, 2013	February 2014, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection deferred the measure
Illinois	January 21, 2013	December 3, 2014, adjourned indefinitely
Kentucky	February 6, 2013 House February 19, 2013 Senate	Proposal adjourned indefinitely
Maryland February 8, 2013		Hearing February 22, 2013. "Died in committee" i.e., defeated, February 22, 2013
Michigan February 14, 2013		Referred to Committee on Commerce/Banking and Financial Institutions, February 2013, no further action
Missouri February 7, 2013		Public hearing March 2013, bill not currently on legislature calendar
Nevada	March 8, 2013	Sent to Committee on Commerce and Labor; pursuant to Joint Standing Rule, no further action allowed, April 2013
New Hampshire	February 20, 2013	October 30, 2014, Interim study report: Not recommended for future legislation
New Jersey	February 4, 2013	February 7, 2013, defeated in chamber
New Mexico	February 12, 2013	Referred to Judiciary Committee February 28, 2013, adopted by House March 1, 2013. No further action taken. Reported as "died" on NM Legislature 2013
Pennsylvania	February 14, 2013	Referred to Consumer Affairs Committee, February 14, 2013. "Died in Committee" i.e., was not referred to and no further action taken
Rhode Island	January 31, 2013	February 15, 2013, Committee recommended measure be held for further study. No further action
South Carolina	February 5, 2013	February 5, 2013, referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry. No further action
Tennessee February 5, 2013		Taken off Notice – Insurance and Banking Subcommittee, March 20, 2013
Vermont	February 7, 2013	Referred to Committee on Judiciary. No further action
West Virginia	March 12, 2013	Last action: Sent to Banking and Insurance March 12, 2013
Wisconsin	June 6, 2013	April 8, 2014, Failed to pass Assembly

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Whether you choose to impose a surcharge or not, merchants are looking to reduce the cost of card acceptance.

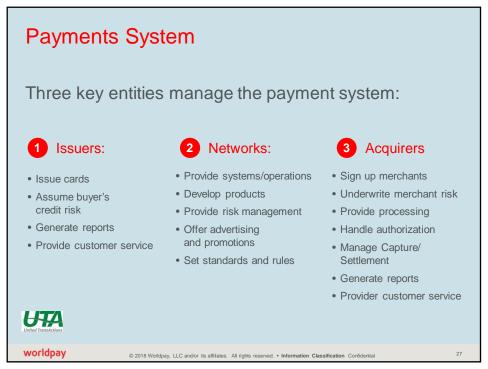
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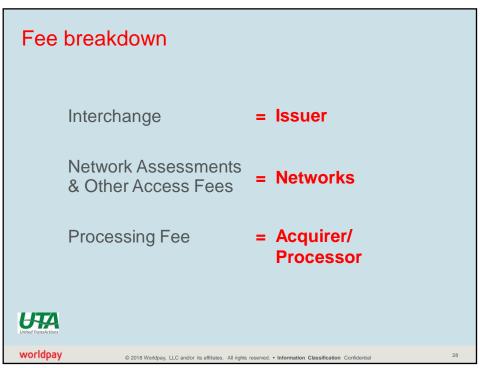


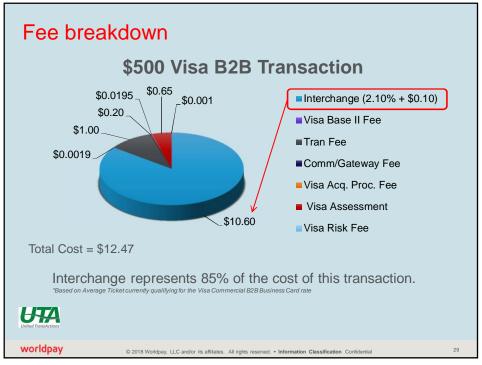
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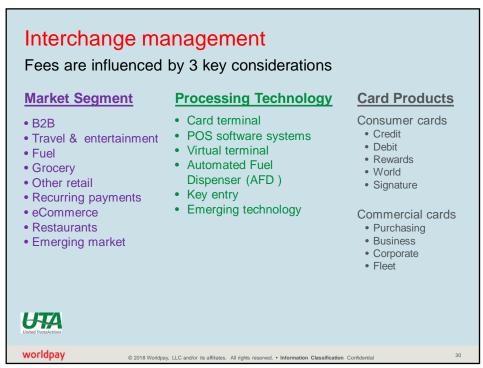
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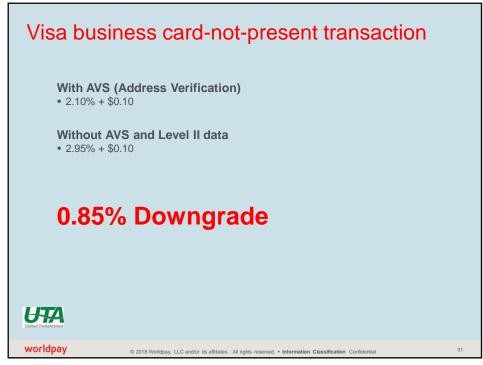
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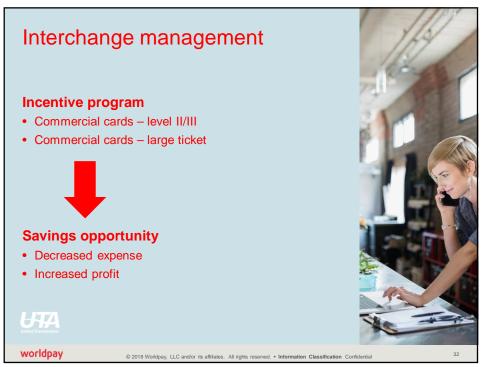






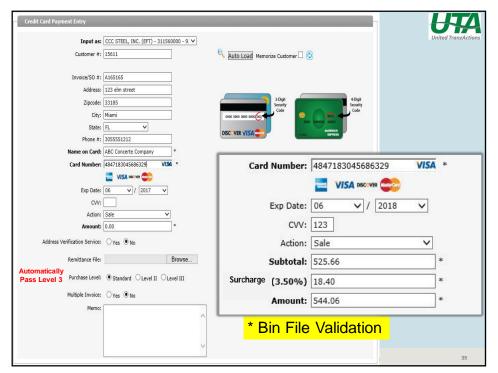


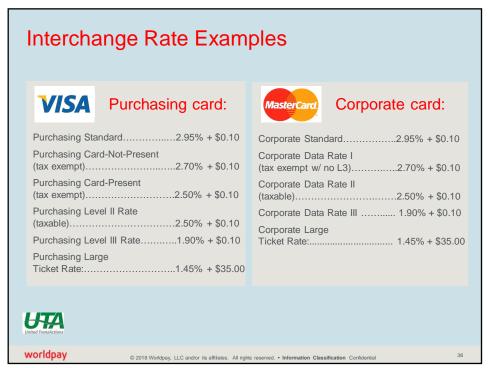


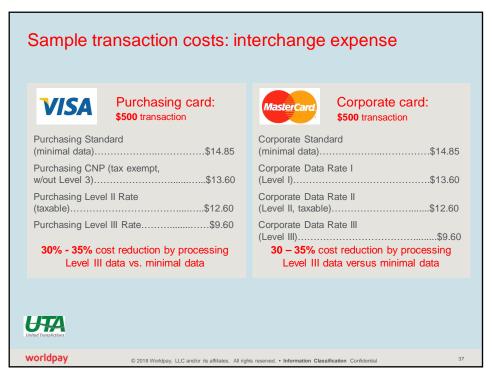


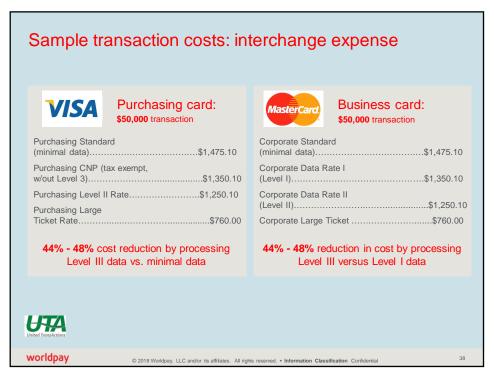
#### Commercial Cards - Data Levels Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 • Card number, Sales Tax Amount • Line Item Detail expiration date, • Customer Code invoice data such as location information, quantity, description, Sales Tax Indicator Tax ID, AVS dollar amount. Tax exempt · The greater amount of transactions cannot data provided, the qualify for Level 2, lower the interchange but they can qualify rate. for Level 3 UTA worldpay 33

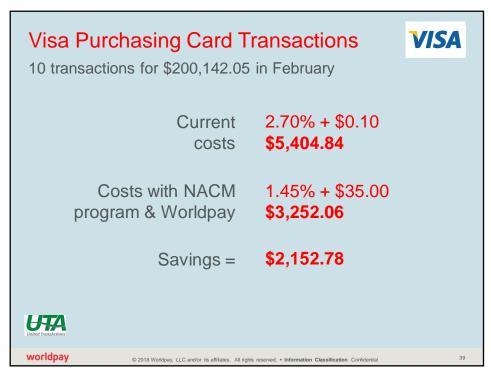
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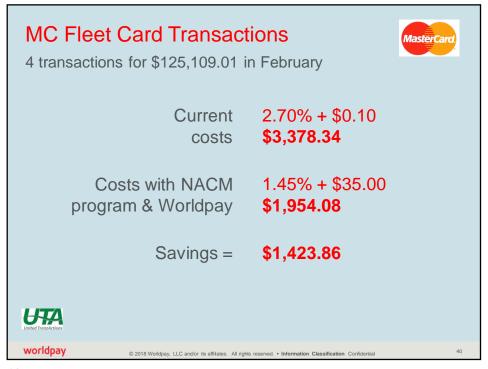


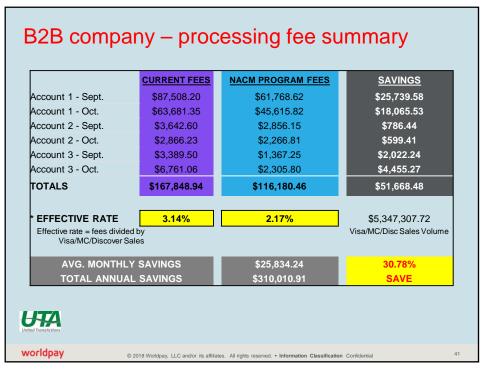














# **Questions and savings analysis**

Interested in a FREE interchange qualification analysis for attending today's presentation?

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