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Subject: Electronic Fund Transfers

Comments:

Dear Regulator:

I, Nathan Jones, would like to express my outrage at how banks are manipulating accountholder contracts to justify these ridiculous overdraft "fees", which are clearly usurious. Most Americans understand and believe that once the money in their accounts goes to zero, they should not be able to withdraw more. However, what is more ridiculous is that overdraft fees are exacerbated by the modern use of automatic deductions from accounts. Once bank users authorize these deductions, they are less inclined to balance their books. Even more amazing is that banks not only will automatically "lend" you the money, but will continue to lend you money and charge incredibly high overdraft fees for every transaction, notwithstanding the amount of the covered transaction (additional fees charged to "bounced accounts" after the account has reached zero.) If you buy a cup of coffee and get lunch (say, 8 dollars for the two) under my bank's overdraft system I would be charged a total of 50 dollars for the benefit of their service.

It's clear that these overdraft fees are usurious and do not benefit the consumer. Please require banks to obtain prior written authorization from consumers and limit the amount of fees to the amount of "credit" extended once they have been incurred. Consumers should not be bound by "adhesion" contracts that are plainly unfair and deceptive.

Thank you,

Angry Citizen