

Subject: Regulation AA

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Comments:

If a person qualifies for a certain APR, that APR should be locked for the life of the credit card. Allowing credit companies to vary the rate after they've essentially promised one rate is a sure fire way for the poor to be run into bankruptcy. If a credit card company wants to raise the APR on a card, it should require the consumer's consent and should only be an available option at the end of that card's lifecycle (i.e. if the card expires in October of 2009, the credit card company can then request at that time to raise the APR with the renewal of the card). In this way the consumer is certain to know exactly what is going on with their credit at all times, and can make an informed decision as to whether or not to continue the relationship with the card company at that time. Any balance on the card, must be charged at the agreed to APR% for as long as it takes to pay off (even if the credit card user decides not to continue using the credit card). If the relationship is continued, payments should apply to the oldest debt first. This would encourage people to NOT accept new higher APRs and instead be smart with their money and shop around before blindly accepting or continuing contracts with disingenuous credit companies.