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[VISA/MasterCard Settlement Administrator Accepting Claims Forms Now through August 30, 2024](#)

From EMA

After the VISA/MasterCard case was filed over 18 years ago, and over 5 years since the court's approval of the September 18, 2018, Class Settlement Agreement, the Class Administrator of the \$5.5 billion payment card interchange fee settlement fund has mailed out claim forms to retailers/marketers who may be eligible for a share of the Settlement Fund. The deadline to submit claims is August 30, 2024.

1. CLAIMANTS must have accepted VISA and/or MasterCard as payment for their sale of goods and services between January 1, 2004 and January 25, 2019. Claim Forms must be submitted by August 30, 2024. If you received a Claim Form in the mail and want to file a claim on the Claimant ID provided, please click the "Submit a Claim" button" at this link: <https://www.paymentcardsettlement.com/en>.
2. Branded marketers should submit a claim, for branded sales, even though there is a dispute about whether they or their branded supplier is entitled to recover the settlement proceeds on credit card sales through their branded supplier's respective systems. As previously announced by the Energy Marketers of America (EMA), a Special Master has been appointed by the court to hear appeals from denials of eligibility, such as claim denials based on the alleged status of branded retailers as indirect payers.
3. THE CLAIMS The actual claim amount, per \$ of sales approved, will be calculated at the discretion of the Claims Administrator calculates the total amount of the claims submitted. If you receive a form in the mail, fill it out and return it to the Settlement Administrator in accordance with the instructions on the form using the assigned Claim ID number. If your claim is denied, you will be able to bring it before the Special Master for review. If you did not receive a form, you can visit the settlement website below and enter your Tax ID number (TIN) to find out whether the Settlement Administrator considers you eligible for a share of the Settlement Fund at <http://www.paymentcardsettlement.com/en/Login>.

While EMA has not secured the procedures to be utilized by the Special Master, a determination of ineligibility obtained by accessing the above-referenced login information should be sufficient to warrant an appeal to the Special Master.

Please note that the "Court Approved Claim Form" is only 1 page long. Other than claimant

it only contains one substantive question. It requires a claimant to fill in the blank for "Class (January 1, 2004-January 25, 2019) Interchange Fees Paid." Marketers should not need an in completing or filing their claims. A fund this large attracts firms who think of inventive way some of the settlement. We have heard from several marketers who have received solicitati with their claims due to the anticipated long delay until payout. Given that this case was filed time until payout is unknown, but it will likely be lengthy. Marketers may of course choose t but should understand that filing their claim form is simple.

If your claim is denied on the ground that you are an "indirect payer," and you wish to lodge you may want to first seek guidance from your attorney, although you are free to file your ap attorney assistance. The primary basis for any such appeal would be that you are, in fact, a of the interchange fees paid on each card transaction.

Comments and/or Questions? Please Contact EMA General Counsel: Bob Bassman, bbass@bmalaw.net or Al Alfano aalfano@bmalaw.net.

Registration Open for 76th Annual Meeting

We are encouraged by the response so far for the VPCMA 76th Annual Meeting at the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, WV. We are pleased to announce that our room rate is \$219 single rate you are not likely to find there at any other time. We hope that you will take advantage up several members of your team to attend. [Click here for Greenbrier room reservations](#) 2023 meeting, we assembled a group to discuss some new ideas for this year's events and traditions, we will host a first-time attendee reception just prior to the general welcome reception Sunday. After the reception will be dinner and our annual awards presentation.

Click below to for full meeting information and to register.



Thank You EMA PAC Contributors

A few weeks ago we wrote to the membership requesting your support of the Energy Marketers Association (EMA) Political Action Committee. EMA is a federation of state and regional petroleum marketing associations, and as a member of Virginia Petroleum and Convenience Marketers you are automatically a member of EMA (formerly PMAA).

We depend on the EMA to provide us with important regulatory information emanating from agencies that can impede members' ability to compete and thrive in the challenging market the industry in 2024. Additionally, EMA's staff are our voice in the halls of Congress, assuring concerns of independent petroleum marketers are heard by our congressmen and senators

Political contributions are important because they allow EMA to serve you better. In addition

requests from our Virginia delegation, the staff carefully targets congressmen and senators key committees impacting petroleum related issues.

Federal requirements mandate that all contributions to the PAC are made with private funds that you will join us in sending a personal check for \$150.00 made out to "EMA PAC," and send to our office address, 7275 Glen Forest Drive, Suite 204, Richmond, Virginia 23226. We will be recognizing contributors in upcoming editions of the Update. Thank you to those from whom we have all received below:

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