New Models for Payment and the Mobile Wallet

Business models and the regulatory requirements they trigger

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Agenda



- What is a mobile wallet?
- Mobile wallet technologies
- Bank perspective
- MNO perspective
- What's needed for U.S. adoption?
- Major deal and legal issues

What is a mobile wallet?







- Basically an alternative payment form factor
- Instead of paying with traditional physical payment methods (cash, check, credit/debit card), a mobile device is used to initiate payment
- Mobile device
 - holds payment credentials; or
 - accesses an account from which payment or transfer of funds will be made













- SMS is a communication protocol allowing interchange of short text messages
- Generally used to purchase digital goods (ringtones, avatars, games) or send money P2P or P2B
- Slow, store-and-forward operation
- No security or encryption, sent in clear text only (except during transmission over the air)
- No inherent proof or confirmation of receipt or delivery
- Example: PayPal Mobile



Send money

Send a text to 729725 (PAYPAL). Specify the amount and the recipient's phone number or email address.



Send money

Request money
Send a text to 729725
(PAYPAL). Include the
words get and from, and
then specify the amount
and the phone number of
the person you're
requesting money from.







<u>Unstructured Supplementary</u> <u>Data Service (USSD)</u>

- USSD is a mechanism for transmitting information via a GSM network
- Unlike SMS, USSD offers a realtime connection during a session, which makes it faster
- Used extensively overseas for mobile financial services such as remittances and bill payment
- Examples: M-Pesa (Kenya),
 Voila, TchoTcho Mobile (Haiti)











Contactless

- Payment for purchases is made using a contactless technology
- Customer holds mobile device in close proximity to the merchant's point-of-sale terminal to initiate payment
- Customer account credentials or tokens are stored on the mobile device
- Examples: Google Wallet, Isis (near field communication), Paycloud (sound), Starbucks (quick response (QR) codes)















- Account credentials are saved online, not on the mobile device
- At time of payment, users are sent to a branded checkout screen that allows them to check out or send money using their account information saved with the provider without needing to re-enter credit card numbers or shipping addresses
- Examples: Pago, PayPal, Serve, Google Checkout, Amazon Payments











Mobile wallet business models





Collaborative

- Key stakeholders jointly develop a mobile wallet that allows each entity to participate
- Example: Google Wallet, Isis

Bilateral

- Two key stakeholders reach an agreement to develop a mobile wallet
- Example: Serve and Verizon Wireless

Standalone

- A single entity develops a mobile wallet
- Example: Starbucks, Bank of America microSD trial

Bank perspective





- Security
- Quality and reliability of product/service
- Ownership and use of data
- Value proposition
 - Leverage bank payment products to remain central to financial services needs
 - Cross-sell other bank products
- Brand recognition/identity
- Regulatory authority and supervision
 - Leverage charter authority and core competence in retail payments – add to deposit base
 - Banking agencies and CFPB

MNO perspective





- Ownership of customer
 - Control of user experience
- Ownership and use of customer data
- Value proposition
 - Leverage network
 - Reduce churn with value-added service
- Keep funds off balance sheet
- Regulatory supervision avoid adding financial services regulation to existing obligations
 - FCC, FTC, state public utility commissions

What's needed for U.S. adoption?



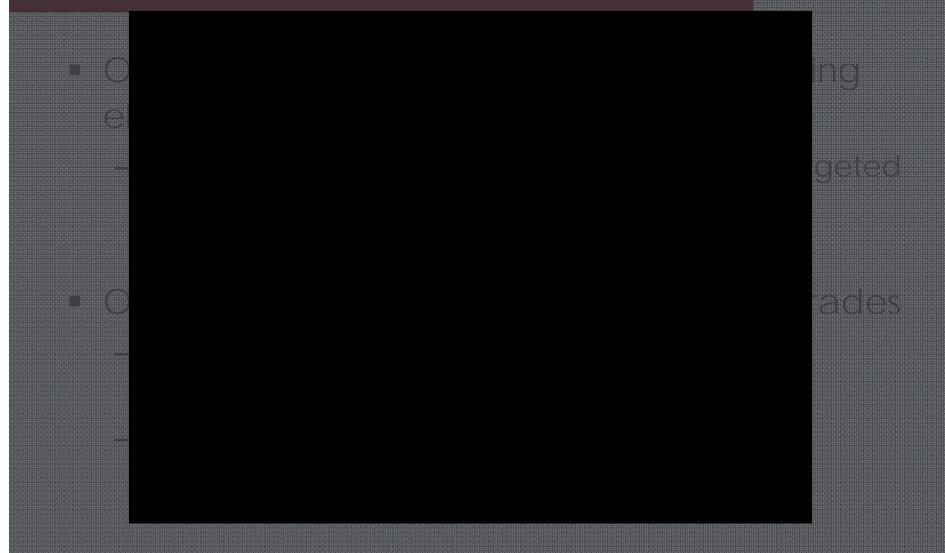


"Chicken and egg" two-sided market – what will it take to ignite?

- Offers platforms merchant-funded offers
- Targeted advertising
 - Use of behavioral and geo-location data
- Killer applications
 - Public transit, college/corporate campuses and cafeterias, other closed- to open- systems opportunities

What's needed for U.S. adoption?





Major deal issues



- Need for multilateral and bilateral agreements
 - Other ecosystem participants: trusted service managers, OS developers, handset manufacturers
- Responsibility for service
- Control of customer and experience
 - User interface, terms and conditions, privacy policy
 - Dual/triple customer relationships
- Use and disclosure of data generated
- No common language: must translate among technology, banking, telecom

Major legal issues (I) – who regulates?





Overlapping jurisdiction

- Existing banking regulators may predominate (Federal Reserve, FDIC, OCC, NCUA)
- State financial services regulators (and maybe Attorneys General)
- New CFPB for consumer protection, backed up by FTC
- FCC for billing and consumer protection
- State public utility commissions(?)

Major legal issues (II) – what laws apply?





- Electronic Fund Transfer Act/Reg E
- Truth in Lending Act/Equal Credit Opportunity Act/Regs Z and B
- Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act/Fair Credit Reporting Act
- Dodd-Frank Act CFPB's new authority
- State Money Services Acts
- Others: Bank Secrecy Act, Bank Service Company Act, rules of SROs like payment networks, CTIA and MMA

Electronic Fund Transfer Act/Reg E





- Governs electronic funds transfers (EFTs) to or from a consumer asset account held by a financial institution
- A person will be subject to EFTA/Reg E if it (1) provides EFT services and (2) issues an "access device" to a consumer, but (3) does not hold the consumer's bank account or contract with the bank holding the consumer's account regarding the EFT service
 - As of July 21, 2011, Reg E is interpreted by new CFPB no bright lines as to applicability to mobile payments implementations
 - MNOs engaged in receiving and holding funds on balance sheet may be subject
- New coverage of cross-border remittance transfers will affect mobile initiated remittances to foreign receivers

Truth in Lending Act/Reg Z





- Governs open and closed-end credit transactions, for example, credit cards, and is applicable to "each individual or business that offers or extends credit" (1) extended to consumers, (2) done regularly, (3) subject to a finance charge or more than 4 installments, and (4) is primarily for personal, family, or household use
- As of July 21, 2011, is interpreted by new CFPB
- Complexity of consumer credit regulation = banks, credit unions, and state licensed lenders predominate

Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act







- Title V of the GLB Act governs the privacy of customer information held by a financial institution
- Applicability of the GLB Act will vary with the implementation
 - Financial institution includes any "institution the business of which is engaging in financial activities as described in section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843(k)"
 - Applies to those "significantly engaged in financial activities"
 - Banks clearly covered, but may also include MNOs depending on their role

Dodd-Frank Act





- Title X of the Dodd-Frank Act created the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau with broad authority over consumer financial products and services
 - "Consumer financial product or service:"
 - "extending credit"
 - "selling, providing or issuing stored value or payment instruments" (with exceptions for some types of sellers)
 - "providing payments or other financial data processing products or services to a consumer . . . including payments made through an online banking system or mobile telecommunications network"

State Money Services Acts





- Money Services Acts govern the activity of nondepository money services businesses like money transmitters, check cashers and currency dealers
 - Apply to those receiving money for transmission, transmitting money, or issuing payment instruments
 - Not applicable to "closed loop" systems
 - Such laws generally require MSBs to be licensed, bonded, maintain certain net worth/investments, retain records, and submit to state examinations

Others





- Bank Secrecy Act
 - FinCEN requirements: Banks, money services businesses
 - New "prepaid access" rule
 - New "monetary instruments" rule
- Bank Service Company Act
 - Requires submission to examinations
- CTIA "best practices" guidelines
 - Mobile financial services
 - Collection and use of geo-location information
- Mobile Marketing Association guidelines
- Payment network rules: Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, ACH



Questions?

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