## **EXHIBIT A**

## Chart of Disputed Terms in Independent Claims of U.S. Patent 6,941,281 (Disputed terms in bold)

- 1. A method for automated payment, comprising:
- at a merchant, accepting a **customer identifier** as payment from the customer and electronically forwarding information related to the payment to a computerized merchant processor;
- at the computerized merchant processor, acquiring the information related to the payment from the merchant, authorizing and settling the payment, and forwarding at least a portion of the payment to a computerized payment receiver as payment of at least a portion of an **obligation** made by the merchant; and
- at the computerized payment receiver, receiving the portion of the payment forwarded by the computerized merchant processor and applying that portion to the outstanding **obligation** made by the merchant to reduce such **obligation**.

- 10. A system for automated payment of an **obligation** made by a merchant, comprising:
- at a merchant, **means for accepting** a **customer identifier** as payment from the customer and for electronically forwarding information related to the payment to a computerized merchant processor, wherein the merchant associated with the payment has an outstanding **obligation** to a **third party**; and
- at the computerized merchant processor, means for receiving the information related to the payment from the merchant, means for authorizing and settling the payment; and
- means for forwarding a portion of the payment to the third party to reduce the obligation.