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Models & Overlays
Point of Origination Model
Overlay Services

User Enrollment Experience
Cindy enrolls in the overlay service. She agrees to the terms of service.
Cindy agrees to the specific Payment Service Provider terms and conditions. Examples of the terms of service include the expected user experience, speed of payments, the costs, the liability and/or charge back rights, availability of funds, and the dispute process.

User Experience
Cindy sends Paul $500
Paul receives $500 in minutes through the service provider app.

Funds Posted
Debit Cindy’s account $500 and message Payment Network. Funds moved to settlement account. Message Cindy completion.
Credit Paul’s account $500 Message Paul Funds Received

Settlement
Funds transferred from Bank A to Bank B
Bank A Settlement Account
Payment Clearing & Settlement Network
Bank B Settlement Account
Network to Network Model

- Payment initiated on one network can be delivered to a receiver on another network
- FIs do not need to connect to both networks (except for settlement)
- Comparable to EPN/FedACH arrangement
• **Timing: Deferred or Real-time Settlement**
  Payments can be settled in real-time, (at the same time payments are cleared), or settlement can be deferred until later.

• **Netting: Gross or Net Settlement**
  Each payment can be settled individually, what is known as gross settlement, or a group of payments can be netted against each other and settled for the net amount.

  Net settlement processes can be further divided into bilateral net settlement between two parties, and multi-lateral net settlement among multiple parties.
Types of Settlement

Deferred Gross Settlement
At predetermined times, individual payments or their aggregate are settled

Deferred Bilateral Net Settlement
At predetermined times, only the net amount of what is owed between two parties are settled

Deferred Multilateral Net Settlement
At predetermined times, only the net amount of what is owed across all participants are settled

Real-time Gross Settlement (RTGS)
At the same time as the underlying payment is cleared, the item is also settled
Settlement Interoperability
Bank Liquidity

- Spreads liquidity among multiple accounts
- Instant Payments make position harder to calculate, specially through RTGS for those FIs with a batch core system
Networks Liquidity

Most network interoperability relies on deferred settlement (i.e. EOD), and interoperator agreement on settlement.

There is a balance between optimizing liquidity vs potential settlement risk credit risk mitigation arrangements that are put in place to manage counterparty credit risk.
Offsetting Risk:

Collateral and recourse should be present in an interoperator agreement for net positions.

Interoperator pricing would likely reflect each settlement type.
Q&A
Thank you!

Mark your calendars and please join us for these upcoming FPC events

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