

## Your Billing Rights Keep this Notice for Future Use

This notice contains important information about your rights and our responsibilities under the Fair Credit Billing Act.

### **Notify Us In Case of Errors or Questions About Your Bill**

If you think your bill is wrong, or if you need more information about a transaction on your bill, write us on a separate sheet at the address listed on your bill. Write us as soon as possible. We must hear from you no later than 60 days after we sent you the first bill on which the error or problem appeared. You can telephone us, but doing so will not preserve your rights.

In your letter, give us the following information:

- Your name and account number.
- The dollar amount of the suspected error.
- Describe the error and explain, if you can, why you believe there is an error. If you need more information, describe the item you are not sure about.

If you have authorized us to pay your credit card bill automatically from your share or share draft account, you can stop the payment on any amount you think is wrong. To stop the payment, your letter must reach us three business days before the automatic payment is scheduled to occur.

### **Your Rights and Our Responsibilities After We Receive Your Written Notice**

We must acknowledge your letter within 30 days, unless we have corrected the error by then. Within 90 days, we must either correct the error or explain why we believe the bill was correct.

After we receive your letter, we cannot try to collect any amount you question, including finance charges, and we can apply any unpaid amount against your credit limit. You do not have to pay any questioned amount while we are investigating, but you are still obligated to pay the parts of your bill that are not in question.

If we find that we made a mistake on your bill, you will not have to pay any finance charges related to any questioned amount. In either case we will send you a statement of the amount you owe and the date that it is due.

If you fail to pay the amount that we think you owe, we may report you as delinquent. However, if our explanation does not satisfy you and you write us within ten days telling us that you still refuse to pay, we must tell anyone we report you to that you have a question about your bill. And, we must tell you the name of anyone we reported you to. We must tell anyone we report you to that the matter has been settled between us when it finally is.

If we don't follow these rules, we can't collect the first \$50 of the questioned amount, even if your bill was correct.

### **Special Rule for Credit Card Purchases**

If you have a problem with the quality of property or services that you purchased with a credit card, and you have tried in good faith to correct the problem with the merchant, you may have the right not to pay the remaining amount due on the property or services. There are two limitations on this right:

- (a) You must have made the purchase in your home state, or, if not within your home state, within 100 miles of your current mailing address; and
- (b) The purchase price must have been more than \$50.

These limitations do not apply if we own or operate the merchant, or if we mailed you the advertisement for the property or services.

# Credit Card Agreement and Billing Rights for the BECU Classic Visa



# Visa Credit Card Agreement (Fixed Rate)

**NOTICE:** See reverse side for important information regarding your rights to dispute billing errors.

In this Agreement, the words *you* and *your* mean each and all of those who sign this Agreement. *Card* means a Visa credit card and any duplicates and renewals the Credit Union issues. *Account* means your Visa credit card line of credit account with the Credit Union. *Credit Union* means Bowater Employees Credit Union, the credit union whose name appears in the Agreement.

**1. Using the Account.** If you are approved for a VISA account, the Credit Union will establish a line of credit for you and notify you of its amount when the card is sent to you. You agree not to let your account balance exceed your approved credit limit. Each payment you make on the account will restore your credit limit by the amount of the payment which is applied to the principal amount of purchases and cash advances. You may request an increase in your credit limit only by written application which is approved by the Credit Union. The Credit Union has the right to reduce or terminate your credit limit at any time.

**2. Using the Card.** You may use the card issued to you to make purchases in person, and by mail or telephone from merchants and others who accept VISA cards. In addition, you may obtain cash advances from the Credit Union, from other financial institutions participating in the VISA program and from automated teller machines (ATMs) such as VISA ATM Network that provide access to the VISA system. (Not all ATMs provide such access.) You will need to use your Personal Identification Number (PIN) to obtain a cash advance from an ATM.

**3. Responsibility.** You agree to pay all charges (purchases and cash advances) to your account made by you or anyone who you authorized to use your account. Your obligation to pay the amount owed on your account continues until paid in full even though an agreement, divorce decree or other court judgment to which the Credit Union is not a party may direct someone else to pay the account balance. If more than one person signs this Agreement, each is individually responsible for all amounts owed on the account and all are jointly responsible for all amounts owed. This means the Credit Union can enforce this Agreement against any of you individually or all of you together.

**4. Finance Charge.** In order to avoid a finance charge on purchases made since your last statement date, you must pay the Total New Balance shown on your statement within 25 days of the statement closing date. Otherwise, finance charge on purchases is calculated from the beginning of the next statement period on previously billed but unpaid purchases and on new purchases from the date they are posted to your account. Cash advances are always subject to finance charge from the date they are posted to your account. The finance charge (interest) on purchases and cash advances is calculated at the periodic rate of 0.825% per month which is an ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE of 9.90%. Separate finance

charges for purchases and cash advances are determined by multiplying the periodic rate by the separate average daily balance for purchases and cash advances. Each average daily balance is determined by taking the beginning balance (of cash advances or purchases) in your account each day adding any new purchases or cash advances (whichever is applicable) and subtracting any payments or audits. The results are the daily balances. All the daily balances for the statement cycle are added and the total is divided by the number of days in the statement cycle to arrive at the average daily balance for the cycle.

**5. Other Charges.** The following charges shall apply to your account:

**Late Payment Charge:** you agree that a late payment charge in the amount of 5% of the Current Payment due or \$10.00 will be due and payable and added to your balance for each month your account remains delinquent.

**Check Return Charge:** A check return charge of \$10.00 will be assessed against your account for all checks or share drafts tendered to us for payment on your account which are returned for non-sufficient funds.

**High Balance Fee:** Each month when statements are generated, if your balance exceeds your credit limit, a \$10.00 high balance fee will be assessed against your account.

**6. Monthly Payment.** Each month you must pay at least the minimum payment shown on your statement within 25 days of the statement closing date. You may, of course, pay more frequently, pay more than the minimum payment, or pay the Total New Balance in full. If you make extra payments or larger payments you are still required to make at least the minimum payment each month your account has a balance. The minimum payment is 3.00% of your Total New Balance but not less than \$20.00 plus the amount of any prior minimum payments that you have not paid. In addition, at any time your Total New Balance exceeds your credit limit you must immediately pay the excess upon demand.

**7. Security Interest.** If you must give the Credit Union a separate pledge of shares by signing a separate pledge of shares for this account, your account will be secured by your pledged shares.

**8. Default.** You will be in default if you fail to make any minimum payment or other required payment by the date that it is due. You will be in default if you break any promise you make under this Agreement. You will be in default if you die, file for bankruptcy or become insolvent, that is, unable to pay your obligations when they become due. You will be in default if you make any false or misleading statements in any credit application or credit update. You will also be in default if something happens which the Credit Union believes may substantially reduce your ability to repay what you owe. When you are in default, the Credit Union has the right to demand immediate payment of your full account balance without notice. If immediate payment is demanded, you will continue to pay finance charges at the periodic rate charged before default, until what you owe has been paid, and any shares that were given as security will be applied toward what you owe. To the extent permitted by law, you will also be required to pay the Credit Union's collection expense including court costs and reasonable Attorney's fees.

**9. Liability for Unauthorized Use.** You may be liable for the unauthorized use of your credit card. You will not be liable for unauthorized use that occurs after you notify the Credit Union orally or in writing of the loss, theft or possible unauthorized use. In any case your liability will not exceed \$50.

**10. Lost Card Notification.** If you believe your credit card has been lost or stolen, immediately call 1-800-476-6300. After hours, call 1-614-248-4239.

**11. Changing or Terminating Your Account.** The Credit Union may change the terms of this Agreement from time to time after giving you advance notice required by law. Your use of the card after receiving notice of change will indicate your agreement to the change. To the extent the law permits, and indicated in the notice to you, the change will apply to your existing account balance as well as to future transactions. Either the Credit Union or you may terminate this Agreement at any time, but termination by you or the Credit Union will not affect your obligation to pay the account balance plus any finance and other charges you owe under this Agreement. The cards you receive remain the property of the Credit Union; and you must recover and surrender to the Credit Union all cards upon request upon termination of this Agreement whether by you or the Credit Union.

**12. Credit Information.** You authorize the Credit Union to investigate your credit standing when opening or reviewing your account. You authorize the Credit Union to disclose information regarding your account to credit bureaus and creditors who inquire about your credit standing.

**13. Returns and Adjustments.** Merchants and others who honor the Card may give credit for returns or adjustments, and they will do so by sending to Credit Union a credit slip which will be posted to your account. If your credits and payments exceed what you owe the Credit Union, the amount will be applied against future purchases and cash advances. If the amount is \$1 or more it will be refunded upon your written request or automatically after six months.

**14. Foreign Transactions.** Purchases and cash advances made in foreign countries and foreign currencies will be billed to you in U.S. dollars. The conversion rate to dollars will be at (1) the wholesale market rate; or (2) the government-mandated rate whichever is applicable, in effect one day prior to the processing date, increased by one percent.

**15. Merchant Disputes.** The Credit Union is not responsible for the refusal of any merchant or financial institution to honor the card. The Credit Union is subject to claims and defenses (other than tort claims) arising out of goods or services you purchase with the card if you have made a good faith attempt but have been unable to obtain satisfaction from the merchant or service provider and (a) your purchase was made in response to an advertisement the Credit Union sent or participated in sending to you; or (b) your purchase cost more than \$50 and was made in your state or within 100 miles of your home.

**16. Effect of Agreement.** This Agreement is the contract which applies to all transactions on your account even though the sales, cash advances, credit or other slips you sign or receive may contain different terms.

**17. No Waiver.** The Credit Union can delay enforcing any of its rights any number of times without losing them.

**18. Statements and Notices.** You will receive a statement each month showing transactions on your account. Statements and notices will be mailed to you at the most recent address you have given the Credit Union. Notices sent to any one of you will be considered notice to all.

**19. Request for Documents.** A charge may be made for copies of any document requested. If charged, the cost will be passed on at par.

**20. Copy Received.** You acknowledge that you have received a copy of this Agreement.