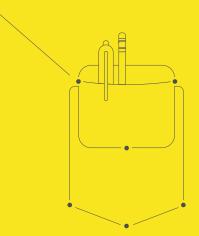
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# THE SWITCH DUE-DILIGENCE CHECKLIST

Here are the top tips to getting an apples-to-apples comparison between services.

### Ask the sales associate how long he/she has been with the company

Many times the sales reps are commission only employees who only represent the company in your area. Make sure he/she has been with the company for more than six months or are working with a supervisor who can legitimately sign off on their promises to you.

## Get a current statement of an existing merchant with similar volume and average ticket

This is the only document that can legitimately validate there cost comparison/proposal. Look out for Batch Header/Settlement Fees, PCI/Non Compliance fees. This allows you to do a true comparison. Ask where the support center and headquarters are located

Call the help desk without the aid of the salesperson

Ask if the company can hold funds/sales without notifying you

#### Ask what the equipment costs are and what the repair/loaner program consists of.

The average retail price of a terminal runs around \$495.00. Watch out for leases. Sometimes your sales rep will sell you on a lease, costing you thousands of dollars in monthly fees with out you even knowing it. A lease is never recommended.

#### **PCI Compliance**

Make sure that the company has PCI DSS Compliance standards and that they have not been breached. Ask them what the charge is for you to become validated and what type of support they will provide to ensure your validation?

#### Always ask for referrals and actually call them



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