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The Chairman and Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of
all Commercial Banks
(Excluding Regional Rural Banks)

Dear Sir

Disclosure of customer complaints and unreconciled balances on account of ATM transactions
Please refer to our circular DBOD.No.Leg BC.60/09.07.005/2006-07 dated February 22, 2007 on Analysis and Disclosure- Disclosure of Complaints / Unimplemented Awards of Banking Ombudsmen along with Financial Results, in terms of which banks are advised to disclose brief details on the customer complaints along with their financial results.

2. It is observed that banks have not been including in the disclosures as above, the customer complaints pertaining to Automated Teller Machines (ATM) transactions when another bank is involved in the transaction. It has been specified in our FAQs on Payment Systems-ATMs that in case of a failed ATM transaction at other bank ATMs, the customer should lodge a complaint with the card issuing bank even if the transaction was carried out at another bank’s ATM. It is clarified that banks should include all complaints pertaining to ATM cards issued by them in the disclosures specified in the circular dated February 22, 2007 referred to above. Where the card issuing bank can specifically attribute ATM related customer complaints to the acquiring bank, the same may be clarified by way of a note after including the same in the total number of complaints received.
3. In a related issue, it has come to our notice that some banks are transferring credit balances pending reconciliation representing various cases of excess cash in ATMs on account of failures in retraction of cash, sensor failure and other technical/hardware errors, to their profit and loss account. Banks are advised that pending reconciliation or matching claim by customers, such ATM related credit balances represent unclaimed balances and should not be transferred to profit and loss account.

Yours faithfully,

(Rajesh Verma)
Chief General Manager