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(57) Abstract: The invention includes a method, system, and computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for rating a transaction. The inventive method includes processing a transaction, where the transaction is processed when a service is provided from a service provider to a service consumer, accessing via a computer network multiple pricing plans related to the transaction, and rating the transaction in accordance with the multiple pricing plans. The method further may include receiving output states from at least one pricing plan. The rating may be accomplished within one pricing plan, or within a group of pricing plans.

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