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(57) Abstract: A method for making express rebates comprises using a third-party agency for providing for: a) communicating, directly or indirectly, a rebate offer by a vendor to a purchaser; b) communicating, by computer-networked data-transmission, from the purchaser, directly or indirectly, to the vendor, information verifying rebate-entitlement; c) communicating, by computer-networked data-transmission, from the vendor, directly or indirectly, to the purchaser, information verifying rebate-entitlement; and d) providing the purchaser with his, hers or its rebate, in full, or less an agent's commission.

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