

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Budget)
Prepay, Inc. for Designation as a Wireless) **File No. CO-2012-0043**
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier)

STAFF REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its request, states as follows:

1. On August 8, 2011, Budget Prepay, Inc. (“Budget”) filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to expand its designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) for the purpose of receiving federal universal service fund support for low income customers through Lifeline and LinkUp programs as a wireless carrier in the State of Missouri. Budget was originally granted wireline ETC status in File No. TA-2010-0146 for AT&T Missouri service areas, and is presently seeking wireless ETC status for those exchanges.

2. As the Commission is aware, the Staff has recently begun to issue Data Requests to all wireless ETC applicants, which requires a greater time to process than the previous review took. In addition, the Staff has recently conducted a compliance review of Budget as part of its routine reviews, and has several outstanding questions about Budget’s current wireline practices.

3. The Staff is not yet able to prepare its recommendation, which is due on September 9, 2011. The Staff requests an extension of time in which to conclude its review and investigation.

WHEREFORE, the Staff requests that the Commission extend the time by which the Staff may file its recommendation until Wednesday, November 9, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,



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