

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

In the Matter of the Notice of Relinquishment )  
Of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier )  
Designation and Discontinuance of Wireless )  
Services of Budget Prepay, Inc. d/b/a Budget )  
Mobile )

**File No. RD-2018-0005**

**ORDER PERMITTING RELINQUISHMENT  
OF DESIGNATION AS ETC**

Issue Date: August 7, 2017

Effective Date: August 7, 2017

On July 7, 2017, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a recommendation to cancel the wireless Eligible Telecommunication Carrier (ETC) designation of Budget Prepay, Inc., d/b/a Budget Mobile. Staff attached correspondence from Budget Mobile’s counsel notifying the Commission that the company intended “to discontinue providing any and all telecommunications services in the state of Missouri.”<sup>1</sup> Included in this correspondence was a notification of relinquishment of its ETC designation as granted in File No. CO-2012-0043 on April 24, 2013.

Budget Mobile is a wireless telecommunications provider but was also granted a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service on September 18, 2002, in File No. CA-2003-0024. Budget Mobile was also granted authority to provide interexchange telecommunications service in File No. RA-2009-0375.

In addition to cancelation of its ETC designation, Budget Mobile has requested that its other certificates be canceled. Budget Mobile’s request to cancel its basic local

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<sup>1</sup> *Staff Recommendation to Cancel Designation, Attachment.*

service was granted in File No. CD-2017-0315, and pending File No. XD-2018-0004 concerns its request to cancel its interexchange authority.

The Commission does not have specific rules concerning relinquishing ETC authority but relies on 47 U.S.C. Section 214(e)(4), which states, in part,

A State commission . . . shall permit an eligible telecommunications carrier to relinquish its designation as such a carrier in any area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier. An eligible telecommunications carrier that seeks to relinquish its eligible telecommunications carrier designation for an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier shall give advance notice to the State commission...of such relinquishment. . . .

In its letter, Budget Mobile indicated that it sent notice to all of its subscribers in Missouri and that those consumers will have multiple options for alternative wireless service providers, including TracFone Wireless, Q Link Wireless, Assurance Wireless, and Boomerang Wireless. Additionally, Staff states that it “agrees that Budget meets all of the requirements” of 47 U.S.C. Section 214(e)(4).<sup>2</sup> Further, the Commission provided notice to all ETCs in the state of Budget Mobile’s request to relinquish its designation and no responses or requests for intervention were filed.

Based on the Staff’s recommendation and the attached correspondence, the Commission finds that Budget Mobile shall be permitted to relinquish its ETC designation.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Budget Prepay, Inc., d/b/a Budget Mobile is permitted to relinquish the Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designation granted in File No. CO-2012-0043.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.

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<sup>2</sup> *Staff Recommendation to Cancel Designation*, para. 2.

3. This case shall close on August 8, 2017.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant  
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 7th day of August, 2017.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017.



  
Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**August 7, 2017**

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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).**

*Sincerely,*



**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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