

**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**

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ETC DESIGNATION  
AND ORDER SETTING INTERVENTION DATE**

Issue Date: July 21, 2017

Effective Date: July 21, 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, as granted on April 24, 2013, in Commission File No. CO-2012-0043. Staff attached correspondence from Budget Mobile’s counsel notifying the Commission that Budget Mobile 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 wireless ETC designation.

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,

Prior to permitting . . . an eligible telecommunications carrier to cease providing universal service in an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier, the State commission . . . shall require the remaining eligible telecommunications carrier or carriers to ensure that all customers served by the relinquishing carrier will continue to be served, and shall require sufficient notice to permit the purchase or construction of

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<sup>1</sup> File No. RD-2018-0005, *Staff Recommendation to Cancel Designation*, Attachment (filed July 7, 2017).

adequate facilities by any remaining eligible telecommunications carrier. The State commission . . . shall establish a time, not to exceed one year after the State commission . . . approves such relinquishment under this paragraph, within which such purchase or construction shall be completed.

Therefore, the Commission issues this notice that Budget Mobile intends to relinquish its wireless ETC designation to all ETC carriers in its service territory as granted in File No. CO-2012-0043 (the exchanges in the service territory of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri). The Commission will also set a deadline for filing requests for intervention.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Data Center of the Commission shall send a copy of this notice to each eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in the state of Missouri.
2. Any objections to this request for relinquishment or requests for intervention shall be filed no later than August 4, 2017.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in cursive script 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2017.



  
Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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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**

**Distributed to each Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in the State of Missouri.**

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Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.