

**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 RECOMMENDATION**

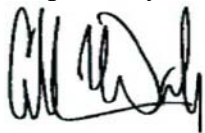
COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its request, states as follows:

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 the Lifeline program 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. In the attached Memorandum, the Staff recommends that the Commission approve the Company’s request. In the Staff’s opinion, the Company has met the requirements, both state and federal, to become designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier for receipt of federal universal service fund low-income support. The Company appears to be compliant with regard to its current ETC activities and has responded to the Staff’s requests for information, explanations or changes in courses of conduct.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends that the Commission grant Budget Prepay, Inc.’s Application to be designated an Eligible Telecommunications Service for the receipt of low-income support from the federal Universal Service Fund.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2013.

