

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

In the Matter of the Application of Budget )  
PrePay, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible )  
Telecommunications Carrier for Purpose of ) **Case No. TA-2010-0146**  
Receiving Low-Income and Disabled Customer )  
Support in AT&T Missouri Service Areas. )

**MOTION TO SUSPEND FILING OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and for its Motion to Suspend Filing of Staff Recommendation (Motion), states as follows:

1. On November 12, 2009, Budget Prepay, Inc. (Budget or the Company) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (the Commission) an Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (Application), requesting designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in the State of Missouri for the purpose of receiving low-income federal universal service support.

2. On November 18, 2009, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing, ordering Staff to file a recommendation in this matter no later than December 18, 2009.

3. On December 7, 2009, Budget filed a Supplement to Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (Supplement), providing information in response to inquiries by both Staff and the Office of Public Counsel (OPC).

4. On December 16, 2009, Staff filed a Motion for Extension of Time, requesting a two-week extension of the date upon which Staff must file its recommendation. This request was made by Staff in order to allow sufficient time to review information requested from the Company.

5. On December 17, 2009, the Commission issued its Order Granting Motion for Extension of Time, ordering Staff to file its recommendation no later than December 31, 2009.

6. Upon review of the Company's Application, the Supplement, and the information provided at the request of Staff, Staff has noticed a discrepancy between the rates reflected in the Company's currently-operative tariff and the rates contained in the Company's Application.

7. Staff cannot file a recommendation in this matter until the Company resolves this rate discrepancy. In addition, Staff has requested clarification of the rates currently being charged to customers.

8. Staff will file a recommendation within one week of the resolution of these issues. Staff has conveyed this position to the Company, which has indicated that it will not oppose a reasonable extension. Staff will file a status report on January 29, 2010 if these matters remain unresolved and Staff has not filed a recommendation prior to that time.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff submits this Motion and requests the Commission allow Staff until a week after the tariff discrepancies are resolved to file its recommendation, or to file a status report on January 29, 2010 if no recommendation has been filed by Staff prior to that time.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2009.

**/s/ Eric Dearmont**