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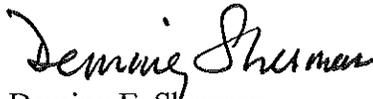
**Re: In Re: Petition of Budget PrePay, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible
Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Rhode Island for Low Income
Support Only - Docket No. 4294**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed for filing are an original and three copies of Budget PrePay, Inc.'s Responses to Commission's First Set of Data Requests.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Deming E. Sherman

Enclosures

cc: Service List (by e-mail)

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: PETITION OF BUDGET PREPAY, INC. :
FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE :
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE STATE : DOCKET NO. 4294
OF RHODE ISLAND FOR LOW INCOME SUPPORT ONLY :

**BUDGET PREPAY, INC.'S RESPONSES TO
COMMISSION'S FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS**

NOW COMES Budget PrePay, Inc., ("Budget"), through undersigned counsel, which respectfully responds to the First Set of Data Requests, dated November 8, 2011, propounded by the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Public Utilities Commission, as follows:

1-1. Please set forth the customary activation charge and whether the \$45.50 plan includes a free handset.

Response: Budget PrePay's activation fee is \$60.00 for all customers. Non-Lifeline subscribers will be required to pay a minimum of \$30.00 of the Activation Fee at the time service is initiated. The remaining \$30.00 is deferred over 12 months and the Subscriber will be charged \$2.50 per month until the deferred Activation Fee is paid in full.

Lifeline Subscribers receive a Link Up credit of \$30.00 and the remaining \$30.00 balance is deferred over 12 months.

Both non-Lifeline and Lifeline Subscribers in good standing are eligible to earn retention credits of \$2.50/month that are used to offset the Service Activation Fee balance for the first year. After the first year, the \$2.50/month retention credits can be used by Budget PrePay subscribers to offset the price of additional services not covered by the subscriber's plan.

Budget PrePay's \$45.50 Unlimited Talk and Text plan – less \$13.50 after the Lifeline discount is applied for a total Lifeline customer cost of \$32.00/month – includes a free handset.

1-2. Please explain which method of verification and recertification of Lifeline participants Budget PrePay will employ.

Response: Budget PrePay will require customers to self-certify at the time of service activation, and annually thereafter, that they:

- 1) Are the head of household;
- 2) Participate in one of the state-approved means tested programs and/or meet the requirements for Lifeline eligibility based on income;
- 3) Will be receiving Lifeline-supported services only from Budget PrePay;
- 4) Do not currently receive Lifeline support; and
- 5) Will notify Budget PrePay in the event that they no longer participate in the qualifying program.

Budget PrePay's employees will be the gate keepers of the process and will review every Lifeline application before reimbursement is sought.

To safeguard against misuse of the Lifeline program, Budget PrePay will deal directly with the customer and require each customer to participate in the self-certification process described above and will follow any established FCC or RIPUC procedures.

Budget PrePay will make available state-specific customer data, including name and address, to the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC"), the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and to the RIPUC for the purpose of permitting USAC, the FCC or the RIPUC to determine whether an existing Budget PrePay Lifeline customer receives Lifeline service from another carrier. Budget PrePay will promptly investigate any notification that it receives from USAC, the FCC or the RIPUC that one of its customers already receives Lifeline service from another carrier. Should the Company's investigation conclude that the customer receives Lifeline services from another carrier in violation of the Commission's regulations, or if otherwise directed by USAC, the FCC or the RIPUC, Budget PrePay will immediately notify the customer and no longer report that customer to USAC on FCC Form 497.

To the extent that the FCC or the RIPUC adopts new rules regarding verification and recertification of Lifeline participants, Budget PrePay will modify its verification and recertification procedures to ensure compliance with any new rules.

1-3. Please indicate when Budget PrePay files its Form 497 with USAC.

Response: **Budget PrePay files its FCC Form 497s with USAC on a monthly basis.**

1-4. Has Budget PrePay experienced any problems in any jurisdictions in which it has received ETC certification regarding customer "gaming" or "double dipping" in Lifeline programs between wireline and wireless service despite the self-certification under penalties of perjury that were accepted by the FCC?

Response: **Budget PrePay has not experienced any problems in any jurisdictions in which it has received ETC certification regarding customers "gaming" or "double dipping" in Lifeline programs between Budget PrePay's wireline and wireless service offerings despite the self-certification under penalties of perjury that were accepted by the FCC.**

1-5. Please provide the Company's preferred website address for posting on the Public Utilities Commission website if Budget PrePay's Petition is approved.

Response: **www.budgetmobile.com**



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 29th day of November, 2011, an original and 3 copies of the within Responses to Commission's First Set of Data Requests were mailed by first class mail to Ms. Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk, Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02888, and electronic copies were transmitted by e-mail to the following:

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