

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
COMMISSIONER RAPER  
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COMMISSION SECRETARY  
LEGAL  
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**FROM: GRACE SEAMAN**

**DATE: APRIL 20, 2017**

**RE: BUDGET PREPAY, INC. DBA BUDGET MOBILE'S APPLICATION TO  
RELINQUISH ITS ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATION CARRIER  
DESIGNATION; CASE NO. BPP-T-12-01.**

On April 18, 2017, Budget PrePay, Inc. dba Budget Mobile ("Budget" or the "Company") filed a Notice of Relinquishment of its eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") designation in Idaho pursuant to 47 U.S.C § 214(e)(4), 47 C.F.R. § 54.204 and Idaho Code § 62-610D(4). The Commission granted a limited federal Lifeline-only ETC status to Budget on January 23, 2013. *See* Order No. 32723. The Company now seeks to "relinquish its Lifeline-only ETC designation and to discontinue service in Idaho, because of changes in the wireless industry and proposed modifications to the [federal] Lifeline program." Application at 1. Budget asserts that the withdrawal of its ETC designation will not affect Lifeline Customers as they can be served by other ETCs in the designated service area. *Id.* at 3. Budget requests an effective date of June 5, 2017. *Id.*

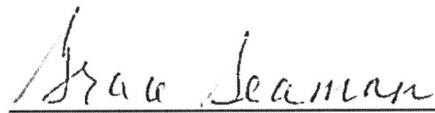
Budget states that it has fewer than 250 Lifeline customers within its ETC designated area in Idaho. These customers will receive text message notifications by April 19, 2017 of Budget's plan to cease service and withdraw from the federal Lifeline program effective June 5, 2017. *Id.* at 4. The notice will also provide information regarding other Lifeline providers as well as customer service information. *Id.* at 5. No early termination fees will be imposed. *Id.* at 4.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the Application and believes the Company meets the statutory requirements for relinquishment of the ETC designation. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 54.205(a). Staff also believes that Budget's Lifeline subscribers have competitively-priced alternatives with other ETC providers in Idaho. Thus, Staff recommends Commission approval.

## COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission approve Budget's Application to relinquish its limited ETC designation in Idaho?

  
Grace Seaman

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