

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the)	Application No. C-4921/NUSF-109
Application of Budget)	
PrePay, Inc., d/b/a Budget)	
Mobile, Bossier City,)	
Louisiana, seeking)	GRANTED
authority to relinquish)	
their eligible)	
telecommunications carrier)	
designation.)	Entered: June 13, 2017

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed April 24, 2017, Budget PrePay, Inc., d/b/a Budget Mobile, ("Budget" or "Company") of Bossier City, Louisiana, seeks permission to relinquish its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") designation pursuant to Section 214(e)(4) of the Telecommunications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4), and Section 54.205 of the Federal Communication Commission's ("FCC") rules, 47 C.F.R. § 54.205. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 26, 2017. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

Budget has been designated as an ETC in this state since February 20, 2013, pursuant to the Commission's order in Docket C-4507/NUSF-82.¹ Consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4) and 47 C.F.R. § 54.205, Budget has requested permission to relinquish its ETC designation.

Budget wishes to relinquish its ETC designation because of changes in the wireless industry and proposed modifications to the Lifeline program. Budget states that the relinquishment of ETC status will have minimal impact because Budget has no Lifeline subscribers in Nebraska.

According to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4), a State commission "shall permit an eligible telecommunications carrier to relinquish its designation as such a carrier in any area served

¹ In the Matter of the Application of Budget PrePay, Inc., d/b/a Budget Mobile, Bossier City, Louisiana, seeking a limited designation as a Lifeline-Only Eligible Telecommunications Carrier within the State of Nebraska, Docket C-4507/NUSF-82 (February 20, 2013).

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by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier." This section further requires that the relinquishing ETC "shall give advance notice to the state commission . . . of such relinquishment." Prior to permitting the ETC to cease providing universal service, the 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 adequate facilities by any remaining eligible telecommunications carrier." Budget states that it satisfies all of these requirements.

As Budget has no customers in Nebraska, notice is not necessary or required to remaining eligible telecommunications carriers.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission finds that Budget satisfies the requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4) and 47 C.F.R. § 54.205 and that its application for relinquishment of ETC designation should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-4921/NUSF-109 should be, and it is hereby, granted.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 13th day of June, 2017.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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