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June 28, 2017  
Via Overnight Delivery

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North Dakota Public Service Commission  
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Department 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



RE: Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Mobile  
ND Copy of FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed please find a copy of the ND Copy of FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting, filed on behalf of Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Mobile. No check is enclosed as there are no remittance fees due.

This report was also emailed in PDF format to [NDPSC@ND.gov](mailto:NDPSC@ND.gov).

Questions regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-8575. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Craig Neeld  
Compliance Reporting Specialist

cc: Lakisha Taylor - Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Mobile  
file: Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Mobile - Reporting - North Dakota

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Copy of Annual Report FCC Form 481

Budget PrePay, Inc.

Craig Neeld, Compliance Reporting

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting  
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481  
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
July 2013

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<030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Lakisha Taylor
<035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	3186715000 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	lakishat@budgetprepay.com
Form Type	54.422



**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request Data Collection Form** FCC Form 481  
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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

<310> Detail on attempts (voice) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Attached Document

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers  
Data Collection Form

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	lakishat@budgetprepay.com
<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

**(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules  
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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	
<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

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<600> Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	
<610> Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	







<b>(900) Tribal Lands Reporting Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986 / OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

<b>(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Attached Document

<b>(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

<b>(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers</b> <b>Lifeline</b> <b>Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP [www.budgetmobile.com](http://www.budgetmobile.com)

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

<b>(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation</b> <b>Data Collection Form</b> <i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

**Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting**

<2011>	3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	
<2022>	Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	
<2023>	The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	
<2024A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 40px;" type="text"/>
<2024B>	Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.		Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
<2025A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	
<2025B>	Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).		Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	

**Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}**

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

**Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}**

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017C> Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)

Name of Attached Document Listing  
Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)

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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan  
Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)

(3010A) Certification of Public Interest Obligations (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

(3010B) Please Provide Attachment Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3012A) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))

(3012B) Please Provide Attachment Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)) (Yes/No)

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report (Yes/No)

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

(3016) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? (Yes/No)

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3021) Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

(3025) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

<b>(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)</b>		FCC Form 481
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Financial Data Summary	
(3027) Revenue	<input type="text"/>
(3028) Operating Expenses	<input type="text"/>
(3029) Net Income	<input type="text"/>
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	<input type="text"/>
(3031) Total Assets	<input type="text"/>
(3032) Total Debt	<input type="text"/>
(3033) Total Equity	<input type="text"/>
(3034) Dividends	<input type="text"/>

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**4005 Rural Broadband Experiment**

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

**Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)**

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

**4001.** Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

**Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)**

**4003a.** RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

**4003b.** Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information \_\_\_\_\_

**Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)**

**4004a.** Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information \_\_\_\_\_

**4004b.** Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Certification - Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	Budget PrePay Inc.
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE <span style="float: right;">Date 06/22/2017</span>
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Robert Hdye
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	CEO
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	3186715736 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	389016 <span style="float: right;">Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017</span>
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

<b>Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:**

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:**

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent Firm: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Name of Authorized Agent Employee: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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## Attachments

**Budget PrePay, Inc.**

**Line 510 – Compliance with Service Quality Standards and  
Consumer Protection**

Budget PrePay, Inc. (“Budget”) hereby certifies that it has reviewed and complies with applicable service quality and consumer protection practices, and that it is in compliance with all applicable state requirements in connection with its provision of wireline (if applicable) and wireless voice services. Among other things, Budget:

- Complies with the service standards promulgated by the State of North Dakota.
- Discloses rates and terms of its voice services to customers.
- Provides current terms and conditions to customers and confirms changes in voice service.
- Separately identifies carrier charges from taxes on billing statements and purchase receipts.
- Provides ready access to customer service.
- Promptly responds to consumer inquiries and complaints received from federal and state government agencies.
- Abides by CPNI rules and other rules for the protection of consumer privacy.
- Makes available maps showing the local calling area on point of sale materials and website.
- Provides specific disclosures in advertising if applicable.
- Provides customers the right to terminate voice service

## **Line 610 – Functionality in Emergency Situations**

Section 54.202(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules requires that each eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") must "[d]emonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations."<sup>1</sup> Section 54.313(a)(6) requires ETCs to certify that they are "able to function in emergency situations as set forth in §54.202(a)(2)"<sup>2</sup> in connection with their provision of voice and broadband services.

Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone and d/b/a Budget Mobile has deployed [resells the services of underlying carriers that have deployed] sufficient power generators to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

Budget PrePay Inc. has geographically located its switching infrastructure. All facilities are equipped with both AC and DC battery backup as well as generators. All critical equipment is also supplied with 2 separate power sources (or primary and redundant power feeds).

Budget PrePay maintains multiple paths to reach our network. This is setup by using multiple IP transit providers for all IP connectivity and an N+1 configuration on all TDM connectivity.

Once the origination traffic reaches the Budget PrePay network all elements are setup with the same N+1 configuration. The configuration allows each element a primary and redundant path to terminate the traffic without service interruption. In the event the main element fails or that

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a).

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(6).

element reaches maximum capacity Budget has designed the network to advance the traffic to 1 of 3 other elements in the same N+1 configuration that is listed above.

The switching infrastructure will advance to the next termination carrier in route in the event of a failure on any termination carrier's route.

## Deirdre Thanski

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**From:** Deirdre Thanski [dthanski@tminc.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2017 2:43 PM  
**To:** 'NDPSC@ND.gov'  
**Cc:** 'cneeld@tminc.com'  
**Subject:** Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Mobile - ND Copy of FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting - for the month ending July 31, 2017  
**Attachments:** Budget PrePay, Inc. dba Budget Mobile - ND Copy of FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting - for the month ending July 31, 2017.pdf  
**Importance:** High

Dear Sir or Madam:

Attached please find the ND Copy of FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting for the month ending July 31, 2017, filed on behalf of Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Mobile.

If you have any questions please contact Craig Neeld at 407-740-8575.

Thank you,

Deirdre Thanski  
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