

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Budget PrePay, Inc.
Designated Eligible Carrier
Cancellation / Application

Case No. PU-17-175

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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- **Notice of Opportunity for Comment**

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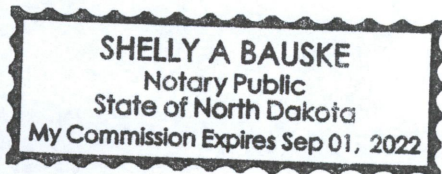
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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

May 10, 2017

On December 12, 2012, the Commission designated Budget PrePay, Inc. (Budget) as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support for low-income consumers in the study areas of Qwest Corporation and SRT Communications, Inc. in North Dakota, Case No. PU-12-707.

On April 26, 2017, the Commission received Budget's application to relinquish the ETC designation and to discontinue the provision of wireless services due to changes in the wireless industry and proposed modifications to the Federal Communications Commission's Lifeline program.

Under 47 U.S.C. section 214(e)(4) and 47 C.F.R. section 54.205, the Commission shall permit a carrier to relinquish its ETC designation for an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier. Prior to permitting a telecommunications carrier designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier to cease providing universal service in an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier, the state 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. The state commission shall establish a time, not to exceed one year after the state commission approves such relinquishment under this section, within which such purchase or construction shall be completed. Budget states that it has less than 40 subscribers in North Dakota.

The Commission will receive written comments in this proceeding until close of business on June 23, 2017.

For more information, contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY.

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