

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF BUDGET )  
PREPAY, INC. DBA BUDGET MOBILE TO )  
RELINQUISH ITS DESIGNATION AS AN )  
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER )  
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**ORDER GRANTING  
RELINQUISHMENT OF  
ELIGIBLE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
CARRIER DESIGNATION**

**TC17-015**

On April 21, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition for Relinquishment of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) Designation (Petition) from Budget PrePay, Inc. dba Budget Mobile (Budget). Budget requested a June 5, 2017, effective date for the relinquishment. On April 28, 2017, Budget amended its Petition to request a June 9, 2017, effective date.

On April 27 and May 4, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and an amended intervention deadline of May 8, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No parties or entities sought intervention.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4), 47 C.F.R § 54.205(a)-(b), SDCL 49-31-78, and ARSD 20:10:32:48.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of May 9, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:32:48, the Commission "may permit a telecommunications company to relinquish its eligible telecommunications carrier designation if at least one other eligible telecommunications carrier serves the area for which the relinquishment is sought." In addition, the carrier requesting relinquishment "shall continue to meet its eligible telecommunications carrier obligations for the entire area for which it seeks to relinquish those obligations until the date specified in the commission's order approving the relinquishment."

The Commission has previously designated at least one other ETC that serves each of the areas for which the relinquishment is requested. The Commission finds that all of the areas subject to this relinquishment are served and will continue to be served by an ETC. The Commission finds that the requirements of ARSD 20:10:32:48 have been met and finds relinquishment is warranted pursuant to the Petition. The Commission unanimously voted to approve Budget's request to relinquish its ETC designation for all areas within its currently designated ETC area, effective June 9, 2017. Exhibit A attached to this order is the list of the areas that Budget is relinquishing. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Budget's request to relinquish its ETC designation is granted, effective June 9, 2017.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 11th day of May, 2017.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.
By: <u>Karen E. Bremer</u>
Date: <u>5-11-17</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Eiegen  
KRISTIE EIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner