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Ms. Darlene Standley
Chief, Utilities Division
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

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TN REGULATORY AUTHORITY
UTILITIES DIVISION

RE: TRA Docket No: 09-00110 Self-Certification of Eligibility of Budget PrePay, Inc. to receive Federal Universal Service Funds in Study area Code 299007 for the First through Fourth Quarters of 2010. Title 47 § 54.314.

Dear Ms. Standley,

Budget PrePay, Inc. ("Company") hereby provides the required certification and requested information regarding the amount and allocation of support received

CERTIFICATION

On behalf of the Company, I Robert D. Hyde, III, and offer of the Company with substantial knowledge of the Company's operations, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the following is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. I am the Vice President of the Company;
2. The Company is certified as a Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") in the exchanges of ETC certified non-rural Incumbent LEC Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc, Tennessee;
3. As such, the Company is eligible to receive disbursements from the federal Universal Service Fund in an manner and amount equal to the disbursements received by Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc, Tennessee as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission; and
4. The Company will utilize all federal high cost support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for with the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) of the Telecommunication Act of 1996.

Respectfully,



Robert D. Hyde
Vice President
Budget PrePay, Inc.

Attachments

REQUESTED INFORMATION

1. Amount of Support the Company Received for the Past Fiscal Year

For the Fiscal 2008, the Company received the following amounts of support for each of the available High Cost Mechanisms for study Area Code 299007; \$0 for High Cost Model, \$0 for High Cost Loop Support, \$0 for Safety Net Additive Support, \$0 for Safety Valve Support, a \$251.00 for Intrastate Access Support, \$0 for Local Switching Support, and \$0 for Interstate Common Line Support.

2. How the Those Funds Were Allocated

The funds that were allocated for Interstate Access Support (IAS) is available to competitive carriers operating in the service areas of price-cap Incumbent carriers and designated as ETCs by the state commission or FCC. IAS helps to offset interstate access charges in order to reduce the cost of long distance charges incurred by end users and is targeted to zones with low customer density. Both AT&T of Tennessee and Budget are eligible to receive IAS on serving lines in areas where the companies are unable to recover permitted revenues from newly revised subscriber line charge.

THE COMPANY RESPECTFULLY SUBMITS THAT IT MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONTINUED CERTIFICATION FOR STUDY CODE 299007

The Company respectfully submits that, given the number and nature of the requirements for support already in place, the Commission may lawfully and appropriately rely upon these self-certifications by the Company. The requirements, procedures, and processes to which the Company adheres, as set forth above, provide the necessary and sufficient basis for the Commission to provide its certification to USAC and the FCC, and to thereby ensure that the Company and its customers will not be deprived of the USF funding to which the Company and its customers are lawfully entitled to possess. Essentially, under the existing rules and process discussed above, the federal support funds received by the Company and other ETCs are, in fact, and integral part of the recovery of expenditures incurred in the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of its provision of universal services. The processes described above constitute the Company's

plan with respect to the receipt and utilization of federal universal support, upon which the Company depends to provide its customers with quality telephone service at competitive prices. Furthermore, the Company attests, per the above certification, that it is using federal universal support for its intended purpose.

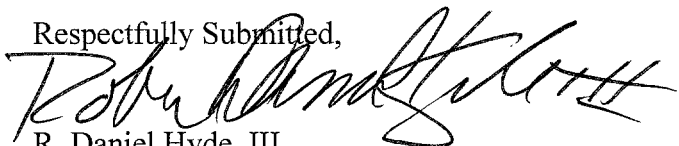
In many respects, the certification process is similar to the certification process, which the Commission uses in its initial designation of eligible telecommunication carriers, thereby fulfilling its right, as established by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, to designate a carrier as an ETC.

Accordingly, the grant of this request for certification is consistent with past practice and procedure. The very same procedure and process undertaken by Commission that is valid for designation of eligibility to received funds is also rationally valid as the basis for the necessary certification that the Company will use those funds, once received, for the purposes for which they are intended.

The Company, as discussed above and pursuant to the above certification, represents to the Commission that it adheres to and complies with all required processes, and that its expenditures of USF funds will be consistent with the applicable rules and foster the provision of facilities and services for which the funding is intended.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions of if further information is required.

Respectfully Submitted,



R. Daniel Hyde, III
Vice President

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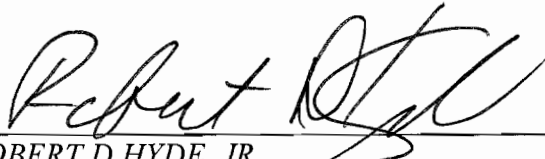
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority appeared ROBERT D HYDE, JR., who deposed and stated:

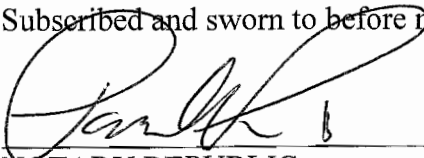
1. My name is ROBERT D HYDE, JR., I am employed by BUDGET PREPAY, INC as its PRESIDENT. I am an officer of BUDGET PREPAY, INC and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of BUDGET PREPAY, INC. This affidavit is being given to support the Florida Public Service Commission's certification as required by 47 CFR 54.314.

2. BUDGET PREPAY, INC hereby certifies that it has used all federal high-cost support it has received have been used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


ROBERT D HYDE, JR.
PRESIDENT, BUDGET PREPAY, INC.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of August 2009.



NOTARY REPUBLIC

My Commission Expires:
(Notary Seal)

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NOTARY PUBLIC, #35044
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