

# Budget PrePay<sup>INC.</sup>

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July 20, 2012

Mr. David Foster, Chief  
Utilities Division  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

RE: Docket No: 12-00074; Rural Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier ETC Self-Certification of Eligibility of Budget PrePay, Inc. to receive Rural Universal Service Funds in Study area Code 299007 for Fiscal Year 2013.

Dear Mr. Foster,

Pursuant to 47 CFR 54.314, state commissions must file an annual certification with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") stating that all federal high-cost support provided to rural incumbent local exchange carriers and/or eligible telecommunications carriers has been used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support beginning January 1 of each year, the Commission must file its annual certification on or before October 1 of the year before.

In accordance with 47 CFR 54.314, this letter is to request that the Tennessee Regulatory Authority Commission ("Commission") file a certification with the FCC and USAC, stating that all federal high-cost support, including high cost loop support, local switching support, high-cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges, high-cost model support, and hold harmless support provided to Budget PrePay, Inc. has been used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) of the Telecommunication Act of 1996. Competitive ETC designated for low income only are to use funds received as discounts or qualified consumers.

In support of this request, attached hereto as "Attachment 1" is affidavit, executed by an officer of Budget PrePay, Inc. attesting that the federal high-cost support, including high cost loop support, local switching support, high-cost support received pursuant to the purchase of

exchanges, high-cost model support, and hold harmless support provided to Budget PrePay, Inc. has been used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

For the Fiscal 2011, 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 (\$85.00) for Intrastate Access Support, \$0 for Local Switching Support, and \$0 for Interstate Common Line Support. Also the Company received \$1,224,982.00 from Low Income. As of 12/31/11 the Company had 92 UNE customers and 7,840 Resale customers.

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.

In order for Budget PrePay, Inc. to receive support for the first, second, third, and fourth quarters of 2013, Budget PrePay, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC and USAC no later than October 1, 2012, that all federal high-cost support, including high cost loop support, local switching support, high-cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges, high-cost model support, and hold harmless support provided to Budget PrePay, Inc. has been used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Sincerely,

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David E. Donahue  
CFO

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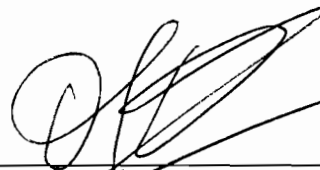
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority appeared DAVID E DONAHUE, who deposed and stated:

1. My name is DAVID E DONAHUE, I am employed by BUDGET PREPAY, INC as its CFO. 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.

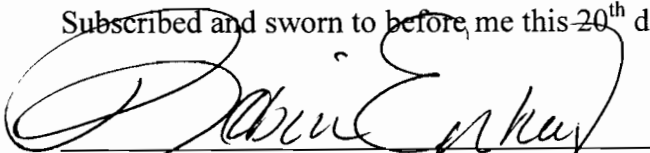
2. BUDGET PREPAY, INC hereby certifies that it has used all federal high-cost support it has received have been used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



DAVID E DONAHUE,  
CFO, BUDGET PREPAY, INC.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2012.



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My Commission Expires: *at death*  
(Notary Seal)

**ROBIN M ENKEY**  
**Notary Public #78084**  
**Boossier Parish**  
**State of Louisiana**  
**Commission Is For Life**