



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE**

D.T.C. 13-4

May 15, 2013

Investigation by the Department on its Own Motion into the Implementation in Massachusetts of the Federal Communications Commission's Order Reforming the Lifeline Program

NOTICE TO THE PARTIES

At the May 14, 2013, public hearing and procedural conference in the above referenced matter, the following parties were in attendance: the National Consumer Law Center (Emily Rochon); Budget PrePay, Inc., d/b/a Budget Mobile (Robin Enkey); T-Mobile USA, Inc. (Amy Tierney of Brown Rudnick LLP); YourTel America, Inc. (Robert Munnelly of Murtha Cullina, LLP); Verizon New England, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts (Alexander Moore and Christopher Bean); and Nexus Communications, Inc. (Alan Mandl) (collectively, "parties present").

Prior to the procedural conference, parties present were given the opportunity to consider the attached proposed procedural schedule. Parties present were also given the opportunity to comment on the proposed schedule. Generally, parties present agreed that the issues raised by the Department could be substantially addressed through comments filed in the proceeding and that sworn testimony and an evidentiary hearing would not be warranted except with respect to certain narrow issues. Parties present encouraged the Department to issue proposed ETC requirements for further comment following the close of the comment period ending May 28, 2013, and to make a determination as to the need for an evidentiary hearing at a later date.

For those parties who were not present at the proceeding, but would like to comment on the attached schedule or the recommendations of the parties present, the Department requests that you provide any comments to the Department by Tuesday, May 21, 2013.

Also, during the May 14 proceeding, the parties present expressed no objection to the Notice of Intervention of the Massachusetts Attorney General filed May 13, 2013. For those parties who were not present at the proceeding, but would like to comment on the Attorney General's Notice of Intervention, please do so by May 21.

/s/ Betsy S. Whittey
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Hearing Officer

/s/ Sean M. Carroll
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