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**Re: Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Mobile's Petition for Relinquishment of Its
Lifeline-only Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation
Docket No. 11-12**

Dear Ms. Clark,

Enclosed please find an original and three (3) copies of Budget PrePay, Inc.'s Petition for Relinquishment of Its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in Massachusetts. I have also included one additional copy to be date-stamped and returned in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact the undersigned counsel directly.

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Budget PrePay, Inc. (“Budget”), pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §214(e)(4), 47 C.F.R. § 54.205(a), and both the Mass Migration requirements¹ and the Lifeline requirements² delineated by the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable (the “Department”), hereby submits this petition for relinquishment of its Lifeline-only Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) designation in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, effective as of July 17, 2017 (more than 60 days from the date of this filing). As explained herein, the relinquishment of Budget’s ETC designation meets all applicable requirements and should be expeditiously granted.

¹ See *Mass Migration Requirements*, D.T.C. 02-28, Adopted by Mass. D.T.C. Order (August 7, 2002) (“Mass Migration Requirements”).

² See *Investigation by the Department on its Own Motion into the Implementation in Massachusetts of the Federal Communications Commission’s Order Reforming the Lifeline Program*, D.T.C. 13-4, Order Implementing Requirements and Further Request for Comment (August 1, 2014) (“*Department’s Lifeline Order*”).

I. BACKGROUND

On March 5, 2013, the Department granted Budget a limited designation as an ETC in order to permit Budget to offer wireless Lifeline services throughout the wire centers in Massachusetts listed in **Exhibit A** (“the ETC Service Area”) and to receive federal Lifeline support for such services.³ Subsequent to being designated an ETC in Massachusetts, Budget has filed quarterly and annual reporting in compliance with the Budget’s Designation Order and the Department’s Lifeline Requirements.

II. BUDGET’S ETC RELINQUISHMENT COMPLIES WITH FEDERAL LAW

As an ETC eligible to receive federal Lifeline support, Budget seeks to relinquish its Lifeline-only ETC designation in all areas of Massachusetts for which it is currently so designated, effective no later than July 17, 2017. Budget is entitled to relinquish its ETC designation pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4) which states, in pertinent part:

A State commission ... **shall permit an eligible telecommunications carrier to relinquish its designation as such a carrier in any area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier.** An eligible telecommunications carrier that seeks to relinquish its eligible telecommunications carrier designation for an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier shall give advance notice to the State commission ... of such relinquishment. 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.⁴

³ See *Budget PrePay, Inc. Petition for Limited Designation as a Lifeline-Only Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*, D.T.C. 11-12, Order Approving Petition (March 5, 2013) (“Designation Order”).

⁴ 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4).

The FCC's implementing rules essentially reiterate the requirements of § 214(e)(4) and state, in pertinent part, that a "state commission shall permit" an ETC to "relinquish its designation as such in any area served by more than one [ETC]." ⁵ The relevant rules require that the ETC "give advance notice to the state commission of such relinquishment." ⁶ Finally, the FCC's rules also require state commissions to ensure that the relinquishing ETC's customers will be served by the remaining ETC(s) and ensure sufficient notice to permit the purchase and construction of facilities, if necessary. ⁷

Budget's petition for relinquishment of its ETC designation in Massachusetts complies with federal law and must be granted because: (1) there is currently more than one ETC serving the ETC Service Area; (2) Budget is providing advance notice to the Department of such relinquishment; (3) the remaining ETCs in the market are able to serve the Lifeline needs of consumers within Budget's ETC Service Area; and (4) to the best of Budget's knowledge, no additional facilities will need to be purchased or constructed by the remaining ETCs.

1. More Than One ETC is Currently Serving the ETC Service Area

Budget's ETC Service Area is currently served by more than one ETC. Budget's designated service area includes wire centers served by incumbent wireline local exchange carriers ("ILEC"), including Verizon New England Inc. d/b/a/ Verizon Massachusetts, Granby Telephone Company d/b/a OTT Communications, Taconic Telephone d/b/a Fairpoint Communications and Richmond Telephone Company. ⁸ Each of these incumbent ILECs has been designated as an ETC. In addition, Budget's ETC Service Area is currently served by multiple wireless ETCs, including,

⁵ 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.205(a) and (b).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 54.205(b).

⁸ *See* Exhibit A.

Sprint d/b/a Assurance Wireless, Global Connection of America d/b/a Stand Up Wireless, and TracFone Wireless d/b/a SafeLink Wireless. Because at least one other ETC will continue to serve in Budget's ETC Service Area, applicable federal law requires the Department to permit Budget to relinquish its ETC designation.

2. Budget Is Providing Advance Notice to the Department

Consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4) and 47 C.F.R. § 54.205(a), Budget is filing this petition more than sixty (60) days in advance of the requested effective date of relinquishment of its ETC designation on July 17, 2017. This advance notice satisfies the requirement to provide advance notice to the Department of Budget's intent to relinquish its ETC designation.

3. Remaining ETCs Will Serve Consumers

To the best of Budget's knowledge, the designated wireline and wireless ETCs in Budget's ETC Service Area will continue to serve customers in the same area. Thus, all customers within Budget's ETC Service Area will continue to be served by an ETC, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 214(e).

4. No Additional Facilities Will Need to Be Purchased or Constructed by Remaining Eligible Telecommunications Carriers

Finally, to the best of Budget's knowledge, no facilities will need to be purchased or constructed by any of the remaining ETCs since all of the ETCs have operated in the Commonwealth for several years.

III. BUDGET'S RELINQUISHMENT OF ETC DESIGNATION COMPLIES WITH DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Department's Mass Migration Requirements spell out specific steps required of carriers exiting the market, specifically an exit plan that includes: (1) a sample customer notification letter; (2) a final termination date; (3) a cutoff date when customers must select a

new carrier; (4) a contact number for the cutover coordinator; (5) any arrangements made for an acquiring carrier; (6) the current customer serving arrangements; (7) the number of customers impacted; (8) a list of customers with CSR information; (9) any transfer of assets/debts; and (10) plans to modify/cancel tariffs.⁹

Budget's Exit Plan, attached as **Exhibit B** ("Exit Plan"), addresses each of these requirements. Specifically, on or before May 17, 2017, which is more than 60 days in advance of the requested relinquishment of its ETC designation, effective July 17, 2017, Budget will provide written notice, via U.S. Mail, to its Lifeline-only customers in Massachusetts that it will no longer be an ETC and their existing service will soon be discontinued. The contents of this notice will include the following information: (1) Budget is no longer an ETC and their existing service will be suspended; (2) a Lifeline discount can be obtained from the remaining ETCs in Massachusetts and information about alternative Lifeline providers in Massachusetts will be provided; (3) the customer must make arrangements with another carrier to continue Lifeline service; and (4) a toll-free number will be provided that customers may call to reach Budget's customer service representatives to assist with the transition.¹⁰

In addition, Budget customers will receive notice that Budget intends to discontinue its provision of wireless services via text message. Text messages have historically been the mechanism by which Budget communicates with its customers and, therefore, Budget believes text messages are the most effective method of ensuring Budget customers receive this important information. Budget will send each Lifeline customer one text message at least 30 days after it sends its written notification, via U.S. Mail, and at least 30 days prior to Budget's proposed ETC

⁹ See Mass Migration Requirements.

¹⁰ A sample written notification is included in Appendix A of the Exit Plan.

relinquishment date of July 17, 2017, reminding Budget's Lifeline customers of the change. The notice is set forth below:

Budget Mobile plans to cease service on 7-17-2017.

To continue service, you will need to contact another Lifeline provider authorized by the Massachusetts DTC.

A list of Lifeline providers in Mass. is available at <http://www.lifelinesupport.org/ls/companies/companies.aspx>

For more information, please call 888-777-4007 or visit www.budgetmobile.com.

The final termination date of Budget's service will be July 17, 2017, and all customers must select a new carrier prior to that date to avoid service interruption. Budget will provide its customers with information about alternative Lifeline providers in Massachusetts and a toll-free number that customers may call to reach Budget's customer service representatives to assist with the transition. While Budget is no longer enrolling Lifeline customers, Budget will continue to provide its existing Lifeline customers with the Lifeline discount and claim reimbursement for the Lifeline discount until Budget discontinues its wireless operations in Massachusetts. Budget expects to stop seeking reimbursement for the Lifeline discount on or about July 17, 2017. Budget currently has less than 850 Lifeline customers in Massachusetts.

The Department's Lifeline Order similarly sets out requirements for ETCs receiving Lifeline support in Massachusetts. In that Order, the Department specifically requires:

- (1) Each ETC that plans to discontinue offering Lifeline service in Massachusetts shall, at a minimum: (1) notify its Lifeline subscribers and the Department 60 days in advance of the ETC's planned discontinuance of Lifeline service in Massachusetts; and
- (2) Work in good faith with its Lifeline subscribers and the Department in order to facilitate smooth transition of subscribers to alternative ETCs of the subscribers' choice.¹¹

¹¹ See Department's Lifeline Order.

These minimum requirements are already met by complying with the Mass Migration Requirements detailed above. In particular, Budget is taking steps to mitigate the impact of relinquishment on its current Lifeline customers, and is ensuring that these customers are advised of the change in their Lifeline service. As described above, Budget will initially provide written notice, via U.S. Mail, to its customers in Massachusetts on or before May 17, 2017 that it will no longer be an ETC effective July 17, 2017, which meets the 60 days' notice requirement of its discontinuance of Lifeline service in Massachusetts. In addition, a toll-free number will be provided that customers may call to reach Budget's customer service representatives to assist with the transition.

It should be noted that in complying with the Department's 60-day notice requirement for ETC relinquishment, it is not practical for Budget to wait an additional 30 days after its ETC relinquishment (for a total of 90 days) before discontinuing service as is envisioned by the Department's Mass Migration requirements. Once Budget relinquishes its ETC designation on July 17, 2017, it will no longer have any customers in Massachusetts and, therefore, will automatically discontinue its provision of wireless services in the Commonwealth. Therefore, Budget is requesting approval from the Department of both its request for ETC relinquishment, as well as confirmation of Budget's compliance with the Department's Mass Migration requirements in pursuing its requested relinquishment of its ETC designation in Massachusetts.

IV. CONCLUSION

Consistent with all applicable requirements, Budget respectfully requests the Department expeditiously grant Budget's petition for relinquishment of its Lifeline-only ETC designation status in Massachusetts, effective July 17, 2017, as well as confirm Budget's compliance with the Department's Mass Migration requirements.

Budget meets all applicable requirements for the Department to consent to Budget's relinquishment of its Lifeline-only ETC designation status in Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,



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Exhibit A

**List of Wire Centers in which
Budget PrePay, Inc. Requests
ETC Relinquishment**

Company	Wirecenter	Locality	Exchange	Type
GRANBY TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH CO	GRNBMAXA	GRANBY	GRANBY	
RICHMOND TELEPHONE CO.	RCMDMAXA	RICHMOND	RICHMOND	
TACONIC TELEPHONE CORP.	HNCCMAXA	HANCOCK	HANCOCK	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	ACSHMAPL	ACUSHNET	NEW BEDFORD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	ACTNMAMA	ACTON	ACTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	ADMSMAMA	ADAMS	ADAMS	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	AGWMMARO	AGAWAM	SPRINGFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	AMHRMAFE	AMHERST	AMHERST-ATT	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	AMHRMASP	AMHERST	AMHERST-ATT	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	AMSBMAPL	AMESBURY	AMESBURY	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	ANDVMAEL	ANDOVER	ANDOVER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	ARTNMAPL	W MEDFORD	ARLINGTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	ASFDMAMA	ASHFIELD	ASHFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	ASHBMASO	ASHBY	ASHBY	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	ASHMMAPL	ASHBURNHAM	ASHBURNHAM	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	ASLDMAMA	ASHLAND	FRAMINGHAM	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	ASNTMAMA	ASSONET	ASSONET	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	ATHOMARI	ATHOL	ATHOL	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	ATLMBABA	ATTLEBORO	ATTLEBORO	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	AUBNMALG	AUBURN	AUBURN	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	AYERMAPL	AYER	AYER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BARRMAJA	BARRE	BARRE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BCKTMAWA	BECKET	BECKET	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BDFRMAPA	BEDFORD	LEXINGTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BITNMAWI	BRIGHTON	BRIGHTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BKLIMAGG	BROOKLINE	BROOKLINE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BKLIMAMA	BROOKLINE	BROOKLINE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BLMTMALE	BELMONT	BELMONT	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BLNDMAGL	BLANDFORD	BLANDFORD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BLRCMAAN	BILLERICA	BILLERICA	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BLTWMAJA	BELCHERTN	BELCHERTOWN	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BMFDMAWA	BRIMFIELD	BRIMFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BOTNMAMA	BOLTON	BOLTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BRLNMAHI	BERLIN	BERLIN	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BRNRMACH	BERNARDSTN	BERNARDSTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BRNSMAMA	BARNSTABLE	BARNSTABLE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BRNTMAWA	BRAINTREE	BRAINTREE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BRPKMAWI	SPRINGFLD	SPRINGFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BRTNMACR	BROCKTON	BROCKTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BRWRMACH	BRIDGEWTR	BRIDGEWATER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BRWSMAYA	BREWSTER	BREWSTER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BRYVMAUN	BRYANTVL	BRYANTVILLE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BSRVMAS	DENNIS	DENNIS	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BSTNMABE	BOSTON	BOSTON-CENTRAL	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BSTNMABO	BOSTON	BOSTON-CENTRAL	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BSTNMAFR	BOSTON	BOSTON-CENTRAL	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BSTNMAHA	BOSTON	BOSTON-CENTRAL	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BURLMABE	BURLINGTON	BURLINGTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BVRLMAEL	BEVERLY	BEVERLY	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BYTNMAMA	BOYLSTON	BOYLSTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	BZBYMAPE	BUZZARDSBY	BUZZARDS BAY	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	CATNMANM	CHARLTON	CHARLTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	CHCPMARI	CHICOPEE	CHICOPEE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	CHCPMAWE	CHICOPEE	CHICOPEE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	CHESMAMU	CHESTER	CHESTER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	CHFDMASB	CHESTERFLD	CHESTERFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	CHFRMANO	CHELMSFORD	LOWELL	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	CHHMMAOH	CHATHAM	CHATHAM	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	CHLMMAS	CHILMARK	CHILMARK	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	CHLSMACH	CHELSEA	CHELSEA	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	CHMTMASO	CHARLEMONT	CHARLEMONT	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	CLRNMAYA	COLRAIN	COLRAIN	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	CLTNMACH	CLINTON	CLINTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	CMBRMABE	CAMBRIDGE	CAMBRIDGE	

Company	Wirecenter	Locality	Exchange	Type
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	CMBRMAWA	CAMBRIDGE	CAMBRIDGE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	CMTNMAMA	CUMMINGTON	CUMMINGTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	CNCRMAWA	CONCORD	CONCORD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	CNTNMAWA	CANTON	CANTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	CNWMASH	CONWAY	CONWAY	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	CRVRMAMA	CARVER	CARVER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	CTMTMADE	CATAUMET	CATAUMET	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	DDHMMAWA	DEDHAM	DEDHAM	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	DGTNMAEL	DIGHTON	DIGHTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	DLTNMACA	DALTON	DALTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	DNNSMAYA	DENNIS	DENNIS	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	DNVSMahi	DANVERS	DANVERS	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	DRCHMAAD	DORCHESTER	DORCHESTER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	DRCTMAMM	DRACUT	LOWELL	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	DXBRMACH	DUXBURY	DUXBURY	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	EBSTMASA	EASTBOSTON	EAST BOSTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	EBWRMABE	EBRIDGOWTR	EAST BRIDGEWATER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	EDGLMAMA	E DOUGLAS	EAST DOUGLAS	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	EDGRMAPP	EDGARTOWN	EDGARTOWN	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	EHMPMARA	EASTHAMPTN	EASTHAMPTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	ELNMMAPL	ELONGMEDOW	EAST LONGMEADOW	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	ESSXMASP	ESSEX	ESSEX	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	ESTNMANM	EASTON	EASTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	FKLNMAMC	FRANKLIN	FRANKLIN	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	FLMOMAMG	FALMOUTH	FALMOUTH	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	FLRVMANM	FALL RIVER	FALL RIVER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	FRMNMAUN	FRAMINGHAM	FRAMINGHAM	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	FTBGMAMA	FITCHBURG	FITCHBURG	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	FXBOMACO	FOXBORO	FOXBORO	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	GFTNMAWO	GRAFTON	GRAFTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	GLCSMAEL	GLOUCESTER	GLOUCESTER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	GLVLMahi	GILBERTVL	GILBERTVILLE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	GNDLMA SU	WORCESTER	WORCESTER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	GNFDMACH	GREENFIELD	GREENFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	GRBRMASC	GREATBNGTN	GREAT BARRINGTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	GRNRMAWE	GARDNER	GARDNER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	GRTNMAHO	GROTON	GROTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	GRTWMAWI	GEORGETOWN	GEORGETOWN	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	GRVIMAWG	GRANVILLE	GRANVILLE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	HBTNMAMA	HUBBARDSTN	HUBBARDSTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	HDSNMAFR	HUDSON	HUDSON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	HLDNMAHO	HOLDEN	HOLDEN	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	HLSTMACH	HOLLISTON	HOLLISTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	HLYKMAMA	HOLYOKE	HOLYOKE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	HMPDMAMA	HAMPDEN	HAMPDEN	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	HMTNMAWI	HAMILTON	HAMILTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	HNDLMA SO	HINSDALE	HINSDALE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	HNHMMAGR	HINGHAM	HINGHAM	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	HNTNMAMA	HUNTINGTON	HUNTINGTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	HNVRMACO	HANOVER	HANOVER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	HPTNMAHR	HOPKINTON	HOPKINTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	HRVRMALI	HARVARD	HARVARD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	HRWCMAMA	HARWICH	HARWICH	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	HSTNMAMA	HOUSATONIC	HOUSATONIC	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	HTFDMACH	HATFIELD	HATFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	HVHLMAWI	HAVERHILL	HAVERHILL	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	HYNMAOC	HYANNIS	HYANNIS	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	HYPKMAHA	HYDE PARK	HYDE PARK	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	INORMARL	INDIANORCH	SPRINGFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	IPSWMACO	IPSWICH	IPSWICH	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	KGTNMA SL	KINGSTON	KINGSTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	LCSR MAGR	LEICESTER	LEICESTER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	LDLWMAWI	LUDLOW	LUDLOW	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	LEE MAHI	LEE	LEE	

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VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	LENXMAWA	LENOX	LENOX	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	LGMDMALO	LONGMEADOW	LONGMEADOW	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	LMNSMASC	LEOMINSTER	LEOMINSTER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	LNBMGASC	LUNENBURG	LUNENBURG	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	LTTNMAKI	LITTLETON	LITTLETON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	LWLLMAAP	LOWELL	LOWELL	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	LWRNMACA	LAWRENCE	LAWRENCE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	LXTNMAWA	LEXINGTON	LEXINGTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	LYFDMACA	LYNNFIELD	LYNNFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	LYNNMACH	NAHANT	LYNN	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MARNMAMI	MARION	MARION	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MDLBMAJA	MIDDLEBORO	MIDDLEBORO	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MEFDMAPL	MEDFIELD	MEDFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MEWYMAVI	MEDWAY	MEDWAY	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MLBRMAGR	MILLBURY	MILLBURY	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MLDNMAEL	EVERETT	EVERETT	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MLFLMACR	ERVING	MILLERS FALLS	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MLFRMAWA	MILFORD	MILFORD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MLISMAMA	MILLIS	MILLIS	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MLTNMAAD	MATTAPAN	MILTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MNCHMASU	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MNFDMABR	MANSFIELD	MANSFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MNMTMAMA	PLYMOUTH	PLYMOUTH	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MNSNMAMA	MONSON	MONSON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MRBLMAPL	MARBLEHEAD	MARBLEHEAD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MRBOMAMA	MARLBORO	MARLBORO	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MRFDMAMA	MARSHFIELD	MARSHFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MRMCMACE	MERRIMAC	MERRIMAC	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MSHPMAGN	OSTERVILLE	OSTERVILLE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MTAGMACE	MONTAGUE	MONTAGUE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MTPSMAMH	MATTAPOSTT	MATTAPOISETT	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	MYNRMAWA	MAYNARD	MAYNARD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	NADMMASU	NORTHADAMS	NORTH ADAMS	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	NATLMAOE	NO ATTLEBO	NORTH ATTLEBORO	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	NATNMAMA	NORTHAMPTN	NORTHAMPTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	NBFDMASM	NOBROOKFLD	NORTH BROOKFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	NBFRMAAE	NEWBEDFORD	NEW BEDFORD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	NBPTMAGR	NEWBURYPT	NEWBURYPORT	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	NCHLMAGR	NOCHELMSFD	LOWELL	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	NCKTMAUN	NANTUCKET	NANTUCKET	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	NDHMMAPI	DOVER	DOVER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	NFRMMAED	FRAMINGHAM	FRAMINGHAM	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	NRBOMASC	NORTHBORO	NORTHBORO	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	NRDGMACE	NO READING	NORTH READING	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	NRFDMAMA	NORTHFIELD	NORTHFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	NRTNMATA	NORTON	NORTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	NRWDMAVE	NORWOOD	NORWOOD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	NRWLMAMA	NORWELL	NORWELL	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	NTCKMAEC	NATICK	NATICK	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	NWTNMAWA	NEWTON	NEWTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	OKHMMARU	OAKHAM	OAKHAM	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	ORLNMAYA	ORLEANS	ORLEANS	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	ORNGMASM	ERVING	MILLERS FALLS	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	OSVLMAWB	OSTERVILLE	OSTERVILLE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	OTISMAEO	OTIS	OTIS	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	OXFRMAWH	OXFORD	OXFORD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	PBDYMACE	PEABODY	PEABODY	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	PLMOMACO	PLYMOUTH	PLYMOUTH	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	PLMRMAPL	PALMER	PALMER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	PPRLMAHI	PEPPERELL	PEPPERELL	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	PRTNMABO	PRINCETON	PRINCETON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	PRVNMAWI	PROVINCETN	PROVINCETOWN	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	PTFDMAAA	PITTSFIELD	PITTSFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	PTFDMAFE	PITTSFIELD	PITTSFIELD	

Company	Wirecenter	Locality	Exchange	Type
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	PTRSMAEA	PETERSHAM	PETERSHAM	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	QNCYMAHA	QUINCY	QUINCY	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	RCPTMAMA	ROCKPORT	ROCKPORT	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	RDNGMALI	READING	READING	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	REVRMABE	REVERE	REVERE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	RHBTMABA	REHOBOTH	REHOBOTH	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	RKLDMAWE	ROCKLAND	ROCKLAND	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	RNDHMAME	RANDOLPH	RANDOLPH	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	ROCHMANO	ROCHESTER	ROCHESTER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	RSSLMAMA	RUSSELL	RUSSELL	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	RTLDMAMA	RUTLAND	RUTLAND	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	RWLYMAHA	ROWLEY	ROWLEY	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	RXBRMAWA	ROXBURY	ROXBURY	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	SAGSMACE	SAUGUS	SAUGUS	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	SALMMANO	SALEM	SALEM	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	SBDGMAMA	SOUTHBDG	SOUTHBRIDGE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	SBTNMAEF	SO BOSTON	SOUTH BOSTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	SCNSMABH	SIASCONSET	SIASCONSET	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	SCTTMAFP	SCITUATE	SCITUATE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	SDBRMABP	SUDBURY	SUDBURY	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	SDFDMACO	SO DEERFLD	SOUTH DEERFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	SGMRMAYA	SAGAMORE	SAGAMORE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	SGTNMAWA	STOUGHTON	STOUGHTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	SHFDMAMA	SHEFFIELD	SHEFFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	SHRNMAHI	SHARON	SHARON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	SHRWMAGR	SHREWSBURY	SHREWSBURY	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	SHRYMACH	SHIRLEY	SHIRLEY	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	SLFLMACR	SHELBUNFLS	SHELBURNE FALLS	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	SNDSMAOT	SANDISFLD	SANDISFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	SOVLMACE	SOMERVILLE	SOMERVILLE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	SPFDMAWO	SPRINGFLD	SPRINGFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	SPNCMAME	SPENCER	SPENCER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	STBGMAMA	STURBRIDGE	STURBRIDGE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	STBRMAPI	STOCKBDG	STOCKBRIDGE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	STNGMABR	STERLING	STERLING	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	SWCKMACO	SOUTHWICK	SOUTHWICK	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	TMTNMAME	TEMPLETON	TEMPLETON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	TNTNMAPL	TAUNTON	TAUNTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	TPFDMACE	TOPSFIELD	TOPSFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	TRFLMAAA	TURNERSFLS	TURNERS FALLS	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	TWBYMARO	TEWKSBURY	LOWELL	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	TWNSMARA	TOWNSEND	TOWNSEND	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	TYNGMAKE	TYNGSBORO	TYNGSBORO	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	UPTNMAPI	UPTON	UPTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	UXBRMACO	UXBRIDGE	UXBRIDGE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	VYHVMAED	VINEYRDHVN	VINEYARD HAVEN	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WAHMMAHI	WAREHAM	WAREHAM	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WAREMABA	WARE	WARE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WBSTMANE	WEBSTER	WEBSTER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WBTNMAPR	W BOYLSTON	WEST BOYLSTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WHMNMABA	WHITMAN	WHITMAN	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WHVLMAPA	WHITINSVL	WHITINSVILLE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WKFDMAEB	WAKEFIELD	WAKEFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WLBGMAMA	WILLIAMSBG	WILLIAMSBURG	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WLBRMAMA	WILBRAHAM	WILBRAHAM	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WLHMMASP	WALTHAM	WALTHAM	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WLHMMAWE	WALTHAM	WALTHAM	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WLLFMAMA	WELLFLEET	WELLFLEET	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WLMGMAMA	WILMINGTON	WILMINGTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WLPLMASS	WALPOLE	WALPOLE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WLSLMALA	WELLESLEY	WELLESLEY	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WLTWMAWA	WILLIAMSTN	WILLIAMSTOWN	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WMNSMAEL	WESTMINSTR	WESTMINSTER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WNCHMAMA	WOBURN	WOBURN	

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VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WNDNMAGR	WINCHENDON	WINCHENDON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WNTHMAMA	WINTHROP	WINTHROP	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WNWBMAMA	W NEWBURY	WEST NEWBURY	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WOTNMAWI	WORTHINGTN	WORTHINGTON	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WPBDMAPI	W PEABODY	PEABODY	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WRCSMACE	WORCESTER	WORCESTER	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WRHMMASO	WRENTHAM	WRENTHAM	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WRRNMAQU	WARREN	WARREN	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WRXBMABE	W ROXBURY	JAMAICA PLAIN	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WSBGMALE	W STOCKBDG	WEST STOCKBRIDGE	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WSBOMASU	WESTBORO	WESTBORO	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WSFDMAWA	WESTFIELD	WESTFIELD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WSFRMADE	WESTFORD	WESTFORD	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WSPTMADR	WESTPORT	WESTPORT	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WTTWMAWC	WATERTOWN	WATERTOWN	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WYLDMABP	WAYLAND	WAYLAND	
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.	WYOMOMAMI	WEYMOUTH	WEYMOUTH	

**Exhibit B –
Budget PrePay, Inc.
Exit Plan**

In accordance with the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable's (the "Department") Mass Migration Requirements,¹ Budget PrePay, Inc. ("Budget") provides the following information:

1. **A sample of the letter to be sent to customers.** A sample of the notification to be sent to customers is included in Appendix A. As detailed in the Mass Migration Requirements, the customer notice will be sent to customers on or before May 17, 2017, which provides more than the 60 days prior notice to customers of Budget's discontinuance date of July 17, 2017.
2. **A final termination date.** Budget plans to discontinuance its provision of Lifeline service in Massachusetts on July 17, 2017, which is more than 60 days after providing notice to the Department and to Budget's customers of Budget's intent to relinquish its Lifeline-only ETC designation
3. **A cutoff date when customers must select a new carrier.** Budget's cutoff date is the same as its final termination date of July 17, 2017. If customers have not made arrangements with a new ETC prior to the final termination date of July 17, 2017, Budget will put those customers on "soft dial tone."
4. **A contact number for the cutover coordinator.** Budget's cutover manager responsible for managing customer migrations with the Department is as follows:

¹ See *Mass Migration Requirements*, D.T.C 02-28, Adopted by MDTE Order (August 7, 2002) ("Mass Migration Requirements").

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5. **Any arrangements made for an acquiring carrier.** There are no arrangements for an acquiring carrier. Budget's current customers must make arrangements with the ETC of their choice directly.
6. **Steps taken with the number code and/or pooling administrator to transfer NXX or thousand number blocks (if applicable).** Budget does not have any NXX or thousand number blocks in Massachusetts so this requirement is inapplicable.
7. **The current customer serving arrangements -- e.g., UNE-P, Resale, UNE-L or Full Facilities.** The affected customers are being served by Budget on a resale basis.
8. **The number of customers impacted.** In Massachusetts, the number of customers affected is less than 850 customers.
9. **A list of customers with CSR information including circuit IDs (CKIDs).** This requirement does not appear to be applicable to Budget as a wireless reseller.
10. **Any transfer of assets/debts.** There are no transfer of assets or debts associated with Budget's discontinuance of service in Massachusetts.
11. **Describe plans to modify/cancel tariff(s).** Budget has no tariffs on file with the Department.

**Budget PrePay, Inc.
Exit Plan
Appendix A**



May 17, 2017

Name
Address
City, State, ZIP

****IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING YOUR LIFELINE SERVICE****

Dear Budget Mobile Customer:

Please be advised that Budget Mobile is seeking to relinquish its authority to provide Lifeline services in Massachusetts. If granted by the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable (“Mass. DTC”), Budget Mobile will no longer provide Lifeline service in Massachusetts.

YOUR ACTION IS REQUIRED! If you are an existing customer with Budget Mobile, you will be required to seek Lifeline service from another authorized carrier in Massachusetts as quickly as possible, **but no later than July 17, 2017**. If you do not transfer your existing Lifeline wireless service from Budget to another Lifeline provider, you **risk a loss of Lifeline service as of July 17, 2017**.

In an effort to help with this transition of service, you may access the Mass. DTC website at <http://www.mass.gov/ocabr/government/oca-agencies/dtc-lp/competition-division/telecommunications-division/consumer-info/link-up-and-lifeline-what-consumers-should-know.html> for links and information regarding Lifeline in Massachusetts.

In addition, you may access the Universal Service Administrative Company’s webpage at <http://www.lifelinesupport.org/lis/companies/companies.aspx> to see a list of Lifeline providers in Massachusetts or call USAC at 1-888-641-8722 and press 1 for additional assistance. These resources will help you determine which Lifeline provider is best for you.

Budget Mobile would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the many years of being able to provide wireless phone services. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the change to your wireless account, you can call Budget Mobile at 1-888-777-4007 and speak to a Customer Service Representative. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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

In the Matter of

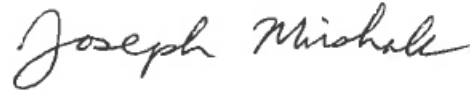
BUDGET PREPAY, INC.

Petition for Relinquishment of Its Lifeline-only
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier
Designation

Docket No. 11-12

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing on all parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 220 CMR 1.05(1) (Department's Rules of Practice and Procedure).



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