



## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE

D.T.C. 11-12

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Petition of Budget PrePay, Inc. for Limited Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

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### HEARING OFFICER ORDER SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On September 19, 2011, the Department of Telecommunications and Cable (“Department”) received from Budget PrePay, Inc. (“Budget PrePay”) a petition for limited designation as a facilities-based eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) for the purposes of receiving Lifeline and Link Up support from the federal Universal Service Fund (“USF”). If approved, Budget PrePay would offer prepaid wireless phone services to low-income consumers under those federal low-income programs. On November 9, 2011, the Department opened the instant proceeding and established a procedural schedule.

Due to pending action by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) on several issues that will affect ETC designations in Massachusetts, the Department hereby suspends the remainder of the procedural schedule. The Department will reevaluate the appropriate procedural schedule after the issuance of an FCC Order in WC Docket No. 11-42, or on March 1, 2012, whichever event occurs first.

/s/  
Sean Carroll  
Hearing Officer