

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: PETITION OF BUDGET PREPAY, INC. FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER FOR LOW INCOME SUPPORT IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND - DOCKET NO. 4294

**NOTICE TO SOLICIT COMMENTS**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rhode Island General Laws 39-1-1 et seq, as amended, and 47 U.S.C. §§151-760, the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) will accept written public comments regarding the October 14, 2011 Budget PrePay, Inc. Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) in the State of Rhode Island for the limited purpose of offering Lifeline and Link-Up Services to qualified households. Budget PrePay seeks ETC designation in order to receive funding from the federal Universal Service Fund to offer subsidized wireless service to eligible low-income consumers in the state of Rhode Island.

In this docket, the Commission will examine the propriety of Budget PrePay’s petition to make a determination that Budget PrePay has met the statutory and regulatory requirements to be designated as an ETC to receive funding from the available federal universal support mechanism and has complied with the Commission’s Rules and Regulations Governing the Certification and Verification Procedures for Telecommunications Carriers Eligible to Receive Payments From the Federal Universal Service Fund and Certification and Verification Processes for Compliance With Providing Lifeline and Linkup Service.

Interested parties and members of the public may offer written comments regarding Budget PrePay’s Petition by **4:00 P.M. on December 16, 2011** to Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk, RI Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02888.

The Petition may be examined at the Commission’s office located at 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI. The Petition can also be accessed at [www.ripuc.org](http://www.ripuc.org), under Commission Docket Menu, Docket No. 4294. Reference is made to R.I.G.L. §§ 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35.

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk  
November 18, 2011