ISSUED: August 12, 2014

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1684

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON,

RULING

Investigation into the Oregon Telephone Assistance Program and Lifeline Marketing Practices.

DISPOSITION:

MOTION GRANTED

By motion filed August 11, 2014, Budget PrePay, Inc. (Budget) requests a two week extension of the time allowed for the filing of comments on the Commission Staff's report and recommendations filed in this docket on August 5, 2014. Under the current schedule the deadline for filing comments is August 12, 2014. Budget asks for expedited action on its motion, given the current deadline.

As grounds for its motion, Budget notes the scope and scale of Staff's report and recommendations. According to Budget, "five days is not sufficient for a comprehensive response, given the volume of material provided, the complexity and importance of the issues being considered, and the potential impact on the low-income population in Oregon."

Budget reports that no parties have indicated opposition to its motion, while Staff is not opposed to an extension of one week.

Staff filed its response to the motion on August 11, 2014, in which Staff indicated that it does not oppose an extension of 10 business days from August 5th (August 19th).

For good cause, Budget's motion is granted. Staff's report and recommendations are broad in scope. The additional time is necessary to allow parties to more fully develop the record. There is no impending deadline or urgency that requires more immediate action.

The date for parties to file comments on Staff's report and recommendations is extended to August 26, 2014.

Dated this 12th day of August, 2014, at Salem, Oregon.

Patrick Power Administrative Law Judge

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