DA 12-828  
Release Date: May 25, 2012

WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU APPROVES THE COMPLIANCE PLANS OF  
AMERICAN BROADBAND & TELECOMMUNICATIONS, BUDGET PREPAY, CONSUMER  
CELLULAR, GLOBAL CONNECTION, TERRACOM AND TOTAL CALL  

WC Docket Nos. 09-197 and 11-42

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) approves compliance plans of six  
telecommunications carriers: American Broadband & Telecommunications; Budget Prepay, Inc.;  
Consumer Cellular, Inc.; Global Connection, Inc. of America; TerraCom, Inc.; and Total Call Mobile,  
Inc. filed pursuant to the Lifeline Reform Order as a condition of obtaining forbearance from the facilities  
requirement of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), for the provision of Lifeline  
service.¹

The Act provides that in order to be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier for the  
purpose of universal service support, a carrier must “offer the services that are supported by Federal  
universal service support mechanisms . . . either using its own facilities or a combination of its own  
facilities and resale of another carrier’s services . . . .”² The Commission recently amended its rules to  
define voice telephony as the supported service and removed directory assistance and operator services,  
among other things, from the list of supported services.³ As a result of these amendments, many Lifeline-  
only ETCs that previously met the facilities requirement by relying on operator services, directory  
assistance or other previously supported services no longer meet the facilities requirement of the Act.⁴ In  
the Lifeline Reform Order, the Commission found that a grant of blanket forbearance of the facilities

¹ See Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al, WC Docket No.11-42 et al., Report and Order and  
A list of the compliance plans approved through this Public Notice can be found in the Appendix to this Public  
Notice.


³ See Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed  
Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17663, 17692-93, paras. 77-78, 80 (2011) (USF/ICC Transformation Order); pts. for  
review pending sub nom. In re: FCC 11-161, No. 11-9900 (10th Cir. filed Dec. 8, 2011); Connect America Fund,  
Transformation Order on Reconsideration).

⁴ See Lifeline Reform Order, FCC 12-11, at para. 366, App. A; USF/ICC Transformation Order on Reconsideration  
at para. 4. Some ETCs have included language in their compliance plans indicating that they have facilities or plan  
to acquire facilities in the future. See, e.g., Budget PrePay, Inc. Petition for Designation as an Eligible  
Telecommunications Carrier, WC Docket Nos. 09-197 and 11-42, Compliance Plan of Budget PrePay, Inc. at 3 n. 6  
(filed May 1, 2012). To the extent ETCs seek to avail themselves of the conditional forbearance relief established in  
the Lifeline Reform Order, we presume they lack facilities to provide the supported service under section 54.101 and  
54.401 of the Commission’s rules. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.101 and 54.401. Such ETCs must comply with the  
compliance plan approved herein in each state or territory where they are designated as an ETC, regardless of their  
claim of facilities for other purposes, such as eligibility for state universal service funding.
requirement, subject to certain public safety and compliance obligations, is appropriate for carriers seeking to provide Lifeline-only service. Therefore, in the Lifeline Reform Order, the Commission conditionally granted forbearance from the Act’s facilities requirement to all telecommunications carriers seeking Lifeline-only ETC designation, subject to the following conditions: (1) compliance with certain 911 and enhanced 911 (E911) public safety requirements; and (2) Bureau approval of a compliance plan providing specific information regarding the carrier and its service offerings and outlining the measures the carrier will take to implement the obligations contained in the Order.

The Bureau has reviewed the compliance plans listed in the Appendix for conformance with the Lifeline Reform Order, and now approves those six compliance plans.

Filings, including the Compliance Plans identified in the Appendix, and comments are available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. They may also be purchased from the Commission’s duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone: (202) 488-5300, fax: (202) 448-5563, or via email www.bcpiweb.com.

People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

For further information, please contact Divya Shenoy, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

-FCC-

5 See Lifeline Reform Order, FCC 12-11 at paras. 368-381.


7 The Commission has not acted on any pending ETC petitions filed by these carriers, and this Public Notice only approves the compliance plans of the carriers listed above. While these compliance plans contain information on each carrier’s Lifeline offering, we leave it to the designating authority to determine whether or not the carrier’s Lifeline offerings are sufficient to serve consumers. See Lifeline Reform Order, FCC 12-11 at paras. 50 and 387.
## Appendix

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Petitioner</th>
<th>Compliance Plans As Captioned by Petitioner</th>
<th>Date of Filing</th>
<th>Docket Numbers</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>American Broadband &amp; Telecommunications</td>
<td>American Broadband &amp; Telecommunications Revised Compliance Plan</td>
<td>April 27, 2012</td>
<td>09-197; 11-42</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Budget PrePay, Inc.</td>
<td>Compliance Plan of Budget PrePay, Inc.</td>
<td>May 1, 2012</td>
<td>09-197; 11-42</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Consumer Cellular, Inc.</td>
<td>Consumer Cellular Amended Revised Compliance Plan</td>
<td>April 18, 2012</td>
<td>09-197; 11-42</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Global Connection, Inc. of America</td>
<td>Global Connection Inc. of America Compliance Plan</td>
<td>April 30, 2012</td>
<td>09-197; 11-42</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TerraCom, Inc.</td>
<td>TerraCom, Inc. Second Revised Blanket Forbearance Compliance Plan</td>
<td>May 1, 2012</td>
<td>09-197; 11-42</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Call Mobile, Inc.</td>
<td>Total Call, Inc. Revised Compliance Plan</td>
<td>May 17, 2012</td>
<td>09-197; 11-42</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>