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May 14, 2007

VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Renee J. Jenkins  
Director of Administration  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 E. Broad St.  
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

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Re: Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone f/k/a Budget Phone, Inc.  
CIO Registration Filing

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

Please be advised that Budget Phone, Inc. has changed its name to Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone and has moved to a new location. Please update your records to reflect the following new physical and mailing address. All other company information remains the same.

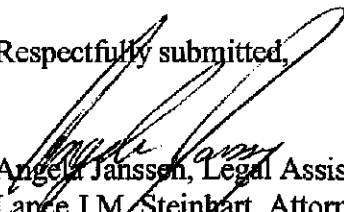
1325 Barksdale Blvd., Suite 200  
Bossier City, Louisiana 71111

Enclosed please find one original and seven (7) copies of Budget Phone, Inc.'s Telecommunications Application Form filed under (CIO) requirements to reflect it's new name of Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone.

I have also enclosed an extra copy of this filing to be date-stamped and returned to me in the enclosed preaddressed, postage-prepaid envelope.

If you have any questions or if I may provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone (678-775-2253) or email ([ajanssen@telecomcounsel.com](mailto:ajanssen@telecomcounsel.com)).

Respectfully submitted,

  
Angela Janssen, Legal Assistant to  
Lance J.M. Steinhart, Attorney for  
Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone  
f/k/a Budget Phone, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Ron Munn  
Ohio Consumer Counsel

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPLICATION FORM

(Effective: 10/01/2004)

(Pursuant to Case Nos. 99-998-TP-COI and 99-563-TP-COI)

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In the Matter of the Application of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
Budget Phone, Inc. \_\_\_\_\_ )  
To Change its Name to Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone \_\_\_\_\_ )

Case No. 07- 595 -TP - CIO

Name of Registrant(s) Budget Phone, Inc.  
DBA(s) of Registrant(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Registrant(s) 1325 Barksdale Blvd., Suite 200, Bossier City, Louisiana 71111  
Company Web Address www.budgetphone.com  
Regulatory Contact Person(s) Ronald Munn Phone (318) 671-5000 Fax (318) 671-5024  
Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address rmunn@budgetprepay.com  
Contact Person for Annual Report Ronald Munn Phone (318) 671-5000  
Consumer Contact Information Vicki Hamilton Phone (318) 671-5000  
Date May 14, 2007 TRF Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_ -CT-TRF or \_\_\_\_\_ -TP-TRF

Motion for protective order included with filing? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
Motion for waiver(s) filed affecting this case? ☐ Yes ☒ No [Note: waiver(s) tolls any automatic timeframe]  
Company Type (check all applicable): ☒ CTS (IXC) ☐ ILEC ☒ CLEC ☐ CMRS ☐ AOS  
☐ Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** This form must accompany all applications filed by telecommunication service providers subject to the Commission's rules promulgated in Case No. 99-998-TP-COI, as well as by ILECs filing an ARB or NAG case pursuant to the guidelines established in Case No. 96-463-TP-UNC. *It is preferable **NOT** to combine different types of filings, but if you do so, you must file under the process with the **longest** applicable review period.*

**I. Please indicate the reason for submitting this form (check one)**

- ☐ 1 (AAC) Application to Amend Certificate by a CLEC to modify Serving Area (0-day notice, 7 copies)
- ☐ 2 (ABN) Abandonment of all Services
  - ☐ a. CLEC (90-day approval, 10 copies) ☐ b. CTS (14-day approval, 10 copies) ☐ c. ILEC (**NOT** automatic, 10 copies)
- ☐ 3 (ACE) New Operating Authority for providers other than CMRS (30-day approval, 7 copies); *for CMRS, see item No. 15 on this page.*
  - ☐ a. Switched Local ☐ b. Non-switched local ☐ c. CTS ☐ d. Local and CTS ☐ e. Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 4 (ACO) LEC Application to Change Ownership (30-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 5 (ACN) LEC Application to Change Name (30-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 6 (AEC) Carrier-to-Carrier Contract Amendment to an agreement approved in a NAG or ARB case (30-day approval, 7 copies)

**NOTE:** see item 25 (CTR) on page two of this form for all other contract filings.

- ☐ 7 (AMT) LEC Merger (30-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 8 (ARB) Application for Arbitration (see 96-463-TP-COI for applicable process, 10 copies)
- ☐ 9 (ATA) Application for Tariff Amendment for Tier 1 Services, Application to Reclassify Service Among Tiers, or Change to Non-Tier Service
  - ☐ a. Tier 1 (and Carrier-to-Carrier tariff filings as set-forth in 95-845-TP-COI)
    - ☐ i. Pre-filing submittal (30-day pre-filing submittal with Staff and OCC; **Do Not Docket**, 4 copies)
    - ☐ ii. New End User Service which has been preceded by a 30-day pre-filing submittal with Staff for all submittals and also with OCC for Tier 1 residential services (0-day filing, 10 copies)
    - ☐ iii. New End User Service (**NOT** preceded by a 30-day filing submittal, 30-day approval, 10 copies)
    - ☐ iv. New Carrier-to-Carrier Service which has been preceded by a 30-day pre-filing with Staff (0-day filing, 10 copies)
    - ☐ v. Change in Terms and Conditions, textual revision, correction of error, etc. (30-day approval, 10 copies)
    - ☐ vi. Grandfather service (30-day approval, 10 copies)
    - ☐ vii. Initial Carrier-to-Carrier Services Tariff subsequent to ACE approval (60-day approval, 10 copies)
    - ☐ viii. *Withdrawal of Tier 1 service must be filed as an "ATW", not an "ATA" - see item 12, below*
  - ☐ b. Reclassification of Service Among Tiers (**NOT** automatic, 10 copies)
  - ☐ c. Textual revision with no effect on rates for non-specific or non-tier service (30-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 10 (ATC) Application to Transfer Certificate (30-day approval, 7 copies)
- ☐ 11 (ATR) LEC Application to Conduct a Transaction Between Utilities (30-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 12 (ATW) Application to Withdraw a Tier 1 Service
  - ☐ a. CLEC (60-day approval, 10 copies) ☐ b. ILEC (**NOT** automatic, 10 copies)
- ☒ 13 (CIO) Application for Change in Operations by Non-LEC Providers (0-day notice, 7 copies)
- ☐ 14 (NAG) Negotiated Interconnection Agreement Between Carriers (0-day effective, 90-day approval, 8 copies)

- ☐ 15 (RRC) For CMRS providers only to Register or to Notify of a Change in Operations (0-day notice, 7 copies)
- ☐ 16 (SLF) Self-complaint Application
- ☐ a. CLEC only -Tier 1 (60-day automatic, 10 copies)
- ☐ b. Introduce or increase maximum price range for Non-Specific Service Charge (60-day approval, 10 copies)
- ☐ 17 (UNC) Unclassified (explain) \_\_\_\_\_ (NOT automatic, 15 copies)
- ☐ 18 (ZTA) Tariff Application Involving only Tier 2 Services
- NOTE: Notifications do not require or imply Commission Approval.
- ☐ a. New End User Service (0-day notice, 10 copies)
- ☐ b. Change in Terms and Conditions, textual revision, correction of error, etc. (0-day notice, 10 copies)
- ☐ c. Withdrawal of service (0-day notice, 10 copies)
- ☐ 19 Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_ (NOT automatic, 15 copies)

**THE FOLLOWING ARE TRF FILINGS ONLY, NOT NEW CASES (0-day notice, 3 copies)**

- ☐ 20 Introduction or Extension of Promotional Offering
- ☐ 21 New Price List Rate for Existing Service
- ☐ a. Tier 1 ☐ b. Tier 2
- ☐ 22 Designation of Registrant's Process Agent(s)
- ☐ 23 Update to Registrant's Maps
- ☐ 24 Annual Tariff Option For Tier 2 Services – indicate which option you intend to adopt to maintain the tariff. NOTE, changing options is only permitted once per calendar year.
- ☐ Paper Tariff ☐ Electronic Tariff. If electronic, provide the tariff's web address: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE FOLLOWING ARE CTR FILINGS ONLY, NOT NEW CASES (0-day notice, 7 copies)**

- ☐ 25 Application to establish, revise, or cancel an end-user contract. (NOTE: see item 6 on page 1 of this form for carrier-to-carrier contract amendments)
- CTR Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - TP – CTR (Use same CTR number throughout calendar year)

**II. Please indicate which of the following exhibits have been filed. The numbers (corresponding to the list on page (1) and above) indicate, at a minimum, the types of cases in which the exhibit is required:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	[all]	A copy of any motion for waiver of O.A.C. rule(s) associated with this filing. NOTE: the filing of a motion for waiver tolls any automatic timeframe associated with this filing.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[3]	Completed Service Requirements Form.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3, 9(vii)]	A copy of registrant's proposed tariffs. (Carrier-to-Carrier resale tariff also required if facilities-based)
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3]	Evidence that the registrant has notified the Ohio Department of Taxation of its intent to conduct operations as a telephone utility in the State of Ohio.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3]	Brief description of service(s) proposed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d]	Explanation of whether applicant intends to provide <input type="checkbox"/> resold services, <input type="checkbox"/> facilities-based services, or <input type="checkbox"/> both resold and facilities-based services.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d]	Explanation as to whether CLEC currently offers CTS services under separate CTS authority, and whether it will be including those services within its CLEC filing, or maintaining such CTS services under a separate affiliate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d]	Explanation of how the proposed services in the proposed market area are in the public interest.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d]	Description of the proposed market area.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d]	Description of the class of customers (e.g., residence, business) that the applicant intends to serve.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d]	Documentation attesting to the applicant's financial viability, including the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) An executive Summary describing the applicant's current financial condition, liquidity, and capital resources. Describe internally generated sources of cash and external funds available to support the applicant's operations that are the subject of this certification application.</li> <li>2) Copy of financial statements (actual and pro forma income statement and a balance sheet). Indicate if financial statements are based on a certain geographical area(s) or information in other jurisdictions</li> <li>3) Documentation to support the applicant's cash and funding sources.</li> </ol>
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-d]	Documentation attesting to the applicant's technical and managerial expertise relative to the proposed service offering(s) and proposed service area.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-d]	Documentation indicating the applicant's corporate structure and ownership.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d]	Information regarding any similar operations in other states. Also, if this company has been previously certified in the State of Ohio, include that certification number.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d]	Verification that the applicant will maintain local telephony records separate and apart from any other accounting records in accordance with the GAAP.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d]	Verification of compliance with any affiliate transaction requirements.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d]	Explanation as to whether rates are derived through (check all applicable): <input type="checkbox"/> interconnection agreement, <input type="checkbox"/> retail tariffs, or <input type="checkbox"/> resale tariffs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[1,3a-b,3d]	Explanation as to which service areas company currently has an approved interconnection or resale agreement.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d, 9a(i-iii)]	Explanation of whether applicant intends to provide Local Services which require payment in advance of

		Customer receiving dial tone.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a,3b,3d, 9a,(i-iii)]	Tariff sheet(s) listing the services and associated charges that must be paid prior to customer receiving dial tone (if applicable).
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3a-b,3d,8]	Letters requesting negotiation pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and a proposed timeline for construction, interconnection, and offering of services to end users.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[3,4,7,10-11,13]	Certification from Ohio Secretary of State as to party's proper standing (domestic or foreign corporation, authorized use of fictitious name, etc.). In transfer of certificate cases, the transferee's good standing must be established.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[3-4,7,10-11,13]	List of names, addresses, and phone numbers of officers and directors, or partners.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3]	A sample copy of the customer bill and disconnection notice the applicant plans to utilize.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[1,4,9,10-13,16-21]	Copy of superseded tariff sheet(s) & price list(s), if applicable, marked as Exhibit A.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[1,4,9,10-13,16-21]	Copy of revised tariff sheets & price lists, marked as Exhibit B.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3]	Provide a copy of any customer application form required in order to establish residential service, if applicable.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[1-2,4-7,9,12-13,16,18-24]	Description of and rationale for proposed tariff changes, including a complete description of the service(s) proposed or affected. Specify for each service affected whether it is <input type="checkbox"/> business; <input type="checkbox"/> residence; or <input type="checkbox"/> both. Also indicate whether it is a <input type="checkbox"/> switched or <input type="checkbox"/> dedicated service. Include this information in either the cover letter or Exhibit C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[1,2,4,9a(v-vi), 5,10,16,18(b-c), 21]	Specify which notice procedure has been/will be utilized: <input type="checkbox"/> direct mail; <input type="checkbox"/> bill insert; <input type="checkbox"/> bill notation or <input type="checkbox"/> electronic mail. NOTE: <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 1 price list increases must be within an approved range of rates. <input type="checkbox"/> SLF Filings – The customer notice will not be sent until reviewed and approved by Commission Staff.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[2,4-5,9a(v), 9b, 10,12-13,16, 18(b-c),20-21]	Copy of real time notice which has been provided to customers. For SLF's the customer notice will be addressed in a Commission Order. NOTE: SLF Filings – The customer notice will not be sent until reviewed and approved by Commission Staff.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[1,2,5,9a(v),11-13, 18,21(increase only)]	Affidavit attesting that customer notice has been provided.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[2,12]	Copy of Notice which has been provided to ILEC(s).
<input type="checkbox"/>	[2,12]	Listing of Assigned (NPA) NXX's where in the LECs (NPA) NXX's would be reassigned.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[2,4,10,12-13,]	List of Ohio exchanges specifically involved or affected.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[14]	The interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or mediation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[15]	For commercial mobile radio service providers, a statement affirming that registrant has obtained all necessary federal authority to conduct operations being proposed, and that copies have been furnished by cellular, paging, and mobile companies to this Commission of any Form 401, 463, and / or 489 which the applicant has filed with the Federal Communications Commission.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[15]	Exhibits must include company name, address, contact person, service description, and evidence of registration with the Ohio Secretary of State.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[24]	Affidavit that total price of contract exceeds total cost of all regulated services.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[5,13]	New title sheet with proposed new company name.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[1,3,13]	For CLEC's, List of Ohio Exchanges the applicant intends to serve (Use spreadsheet from: <a href="http://www.puc.state.oh.us/puco/forms.cfm?doc_id=357">http://www.puc.state.oh.us/puco/forms.cfm?doc_id=357</a> ).
<input type="checkbox"/>	[1,3a-b,3d,7, 10,13, 23]	Maps depicting the proposed serving and calling areas of the applicant.
<input type="checkbox"/>		<b>If Mirroring Large ILEC</b> exchanges for both serving area and local calling areas: • <b>Serving area</b> must be clearly reflected on an Ohio map attached to tariffs and textually described in tariffs by noting that it is reflecting a particular large ILEC/CLEC territory, and listing the involved exchanges. • <b>Local calling areas</b> must be clearly reflected on an Ohio map attached to the tariffs, and/or clearly delineated in tariffs, including a complete listing of each exchange being served and all exchanges to which local calls can be made from each of those exchanges.
<input type="checkbox"/>		<b>If Self-defining</b> serving area and/or local calling area as an area other than that of the established ILEC exchange(s): • <b>Serving Area</b> must be clearly reflected on an Ohio map attached to the tariffs, and textually described in tariffs by listing the involved exchanges. • <b>Local Calling Areas</b> must be described in the tariff through textual delineation and clear maps. Maps for self-defined <b>serving and local calling areas</b> are required to be traced on United States Geological Survey topography maps. These maps are the Standard Topographic Quadrangle maps, 7.5 minute 1:24,000.
<input type="checkbox"/>		Other information requested by the Commission staff.
<input type="checkbox"/>	[3]	Initial certification that includes Tier 2 Services, indicate which option you intend to adopt to maintain the tariff: <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Tariff <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Tariff – If electronic, provide the web address for the tariff.

- III. Registrant hereby attests to its compliance with the following requirements in the Service Requirements Form, as well as all pertinent entries and orders issued by the Commission with respect to these issues. Further, registrant hereby affirms that it will maintain with its TRF docket an up-to-date, properly marked, copy of the Service Requirements Form available for public inspection.

**MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE AND CTS PROVIDERS:**

- ☒ Sales tax  
☒ Minimum Telephone Service Standards (MTSS)  
☒ Surcharges

**MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE PROVIDERS:**

- ☐ 1+ IntraLATA Presubscription

**SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVISION OF CERTAIN SERVICES (CHECK ALL APPLICABLE):**

- ☒ Discounts for Persons with Communication Disabilities and the Telecommunication Relay Service [Required if toll service provided]  
☒ Emergency Services Calling Plan [Required if toll service provided]  
☐ Alternative Operator Service (AOS) requirements [Required for all providing AOS (including inmate services) service]  
☒ Limitation of Liability Language [Required for all who have tariff language that may limit their liability]  
☒ Termination Liability Language [Required for all who have early termination liability language in their tariffs]  
☐ Service Connection Assistance (SCA) [Required for all LECs]  
☐ Local Number Portability and Number Pooling [Required for facilities-based LECs]  
☐ Package Language [Required for tariffs containing packages or service bundles containing both local and toll and/or non-regulated services]

- IV. List names, titles, phone numbers, and addresses of those persons authorized to respond to inquiries from the Consumer Services Department on behalf of the applicant regarding end-user complaints:

Vicki Hamilton  
CSR Manager  
1325 Barksdale Blvd., Suite 200  
Bossier City, Louisiana 71111  
(888) 424-5588

- V. List names, titles, phone numbers, and addresses of those persons authorized to make and/or affirm or verify filings at the Commission on behalf of the applicant:

Lance J.M. Steinhart  
Lance JM Steinhart, PC  
1720 Windward Concourse  
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Alpharetta, Georgia 30005  
(770) 232-9200 (Phone)  
(770) 232-9208 (Facsimile)  
[lsteinhart@telecomcounsel.com](mailto:lsteinhart@telecomcounsel.com) (E-mail)

***NOTE:*** An annual report is required to be filed with the Commission by each company on an annual basis. The annual report form will be sent for completion to the address and individual(s) identified in this Section unless another address or individual is so indicated.

- VI. List Name(s), DBA(s) and PUCO Certification Number(s) of any affiliates you have operating in Ohio under PUCO authority, whether Telecommunications or other. (If needed, use a separate sheet and check here: ☐)
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**AFFIDAVIT**

***Compliance with Commission Rules and Service Standards***

I am an officer of the applicant corporation, Budget Phone, Inc., and am authorized to make this statement  
(Name of Company)

on its behalf. I attest that these tariffs comply with all applicable rules, including the Minimum Telephone Service Standards (MTSS) for the state of Ohio. I understand that the tariff notification filings do not imply Commission approval and that the Commission's rules, including the Minimum Telephone Service Standards, as modified and clarified from time to time, supercede any contradictory provisions in our tariff. We will fully comply with the rules of the state of Ohio and understand that noncompliance can result in various penalties, including the suspension of our certificate to operate within the state of Ohio.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 27th April 2007 at Bossier City, Louisiana  
(Date) (Location)


 4/27/07  
\*(Jody Craft, Director of Operations) (Date)

*\* This affidavit is required for every tariff-affecting filing. It may be signed by counsel or an officer of the applicant, or an authorized agent of the applicant.*

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**VERIFICATION**

I, Jody Craft verify that I have utilized, verbatim, the Commission's Telecommunications Application Form and that all of the information submitted here, and all additional information submitted in connection with this case, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

 4/27/07  
\*(Jody Craft, Director of Operations) (Date)

*\*Verification is required for every filing. It may be signed by counsel or an officer of the applicant, or an authorized agent of the applicant.*

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***Send your completed Application Form, including all required attachments as well as the required number of copies, to:***

**Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**

**Attention: Docketing Division (or to the Telecommunications Division Chief if a prefiling submittal)**

**180 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215-3793**

## **EXHIBIT A**

**Superseded Approved Title Pages of**  
**Budget Phone, Inc. Ohio Tariff No. 1 – Local and Toll Services Tariff**  
**Budget Phone, Inc. Ohio Tariff No. 3 – Switched Access Services Tariff**  
**Budget Phone, Inc. Ohio Tariff No. 3 – Residential Local Services Tariff**

Budget Phone, Inc.  
Issue Date: March 26, 2002

Ohio Tariff No. 1  
Original Page No. 1

**RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF  
LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES  
& TOLL SERVICES  
IN THE STATE OF OHIO**

As Approved in Case No. 02-752-TP-ACE

Effective Date: June 25, 2002

Art Magee, Comptroller  
6901 W. 70th Street  
Shreveport, Louisiana 71129-2309



REGULATIONS AND SCHEDULE OF INTRASTATE CHARGES  
GOVERNING THE PROVISION OF SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES  
FOR CONNECTION TO COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES WITHIN  
THE STATE OF OHIO

**TITLE SHEET**

**REGULATIONS AND SCHEDULE OF INTRASTATE CHARGES  
APPLYING TO RESIDENTIAL LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE  
WITHIN THE STATE OF OHIO**

As Approved in Case No. 02-2496-TP-ATA

Effective Date: October 30, 2002

Art McGee, Comptroller  
6901 W. 70th Street  
Shreveport, Louisiana 71129-2309

## **EXHIBIT B**

**Proposed Replacement Title Pages of  
Budget Phone, Inc. Ohio Tariff No. 1 – Local and Toll Services Tariff  
Budget Phone, Inc. Ohio Tariff No. 3 – Switched Access Services Tariff  
Budget Phone, Inc. Ohio Tariff No. 3 – Residential Local Services Tariff  
reflecting the new name of Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone  
and Updated Service Requirements Form**

Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone  
Issue Date: May 15, 2007

Ohio Tariff No. 1  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Page No. 1  
Cancels Original Page No. 1

**RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF  
LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES  
& TOLL SERVICES  
IN THE STATE OF OHIO**

As Approved in Case No. 07-\_\_\_-TP-CIO

Effective Date: May 15, 2007

Ronald Munn, Director Regulatory and Revenue Assurance  
1325 Barksdale Blvd., Suite 200  
Bossier City, Louisiana 71111

Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone  
Issue Date: May 15, 2007

Ohio Tariff No. 3  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Title Page  
Cancels Original Title Page

**TITLE SHEET**

**REGULATIONS AND SCHEDULE OF INTRASTATE CHARGES**

**APPLYING TO RESIDENTIAL LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE**

**WITHIN THE STATE OF OHIO**

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Ronald Munn, Director Regulatory and Revenue Assurance  
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### CHECK SHEET

All tariff sheets are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective sheet(s). Original and revised sheets as named below comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this sheet.

#### SHEET REVISION

1	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised *
2	4 <sup>th</sup> Revised *
3	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised
4	Original
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As Approved in Case No. 07-\_\_\_\_-TP-CIO

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REGULATIONS AND SCHEDULE OF INTRASTATE CHARGES  
GOVERNING THE PROVISION OF SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES  
FOR CONNECTION TO COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES WITHIN  
THE STATE OF OHIO

**TELEPHONE SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FORM**

Pursuant to Case Nos. 95-845-TP-COI, 99-998-TP-COI, 99-563-TP-COI, and 04-1785-TP-ORD

The provider affirms that it is in compliance with Commission directives concerning the following checked items, and that this represents an up-to-date listing of applicable "generic" service requirements. The provider understands that this in no way supersedes the context of the applicable Commission orders described below. Unless otherwise specified, this language replaces the need for related language to be contained in the provider's tariff.

A. **MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE AND CTS PROVIDERS (unless otherwise noted):**

☒ 1. **SALES TAX** (See also Case No. 87-1010-TP-UNC)

Certain telecommunication services, as defined in the Ohio Revised Code, are subject to state sales tax at the prevailing tax rates, if the services originate, or terminate in Ohio, or both, and are charged to a subscriber's telephone number or account in Ohio.

☒ 2. **MTSS TARIFF REQUIREMENTS**

☒ The provider attests that its tariffs include:

- ☐ provider-specific language addressing the deposit method (as cited in 4901:1-5-13) adopted by the company and approved by the Commission;
- ☐ Toll Caps (choose one):
  - ☐ language addressing the provider-specific parameters of toll caps approved by the Commission, OR
  - ☒ not applicable since the provider has not chosen to incorporate toll caps.
- ☐ language regarding establishment of service, including requirements to establish creditworthiness, as cited in 4901:1-5-13;



- o language regarding residential service guarantors, as cited in 4901:1-5-14;
- o language regarding subscriber bills, as cited in 4901:1-5-15;
- o language regarding subscriber billing adjustments for local exchange service, as cited in 4901:1-5-16; and,
- o language regarding denial or disconnection of local and/or toll service, including the requirements for the reconnection of local and/or toll service, as cited in 4901:1-5-17.

Check the boxes below to attest that the provider shall adhere to the following criteria when the provider implements cancellation of service policies and/or requests an advance payment:

☒ Cancellation of Service:

When a customer cancels an application for service prior to the start of service or prior to any special construction, no charges will be imposed except for those specified below:

Where the company has notified a customer or prospective customer of the possibility that special expenses may be incurred in connection with provisioning the customer's service, and then the company does incur such expenses. Expenses could include special construction, or where special arrangements of facilities or equipment have begun before the company received a cancellation notice. The charge will be equal to the costs actually incurred, less net salvage;

☒ Advance Payment:

Advance Payment means a payment that may be required by the company as a means of being compensated for extraordinary expenses, including, but not limited to, special construction costs associated with a particular service installation.

**[x] 3. SURCHARGES**

The company shall not assess separately any taxes, fees or surcharges, other than government-approved sales taxes imposed directly on the end users, without seeking Commission approval under the appropriate procedures required by the Commission. Generally, the Commission will not grant the inclusion of gross receipts tax as a separate item on the bill unless special circumstances so warrant and the Commission specifically approves same. The company shall not place a separate line item on a customer's bill without sending notice to all customers informing them of the new line item charges in accordance with Commission-adopted notice procedures.

The customer is responsible for the payment of all state, local and E9-1-1 taxes, surcharges, utility fees, or other similar fees for which the end user is directly responsible and that may be levied by a governing body or bodies in conjunction with or as a result of a service furnished under a tariff on file with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. These charges may appear as separate line items on the customer's bill, as opposed to being included in the rates contained in a tariff. Any such line item charges will be reflected in the company's tariff.

**[x] 4. 1+ INTRALATA PRESUBSCRIPTION - Basic Local Exchange Providers Only (See Also Case No. 95-845-TP-COI, Guideline X.)****a. General**

IntraLATA Presubscription is a procedure whereby a subscriber designates to the Telephone Company the carrier which the subscriber wishes to be the carrier of choice for intraLATA toll calls. Such calls are automatically directed to the designated carrier, without the need to use carrier access codes or additional dialing to direct the call to the designated carrier. IntraLATA presubscription does not prevent a subscriber who has presubscribed to an intraLATA toll carrier from using carrier access codes or additional dialing to direct calls to an alternative intraLATA toll carrier on a per call basis.

IntraLATA Presubscription will become effective upon the initial offering of certified local exchange service.

**b. IntraLATA Presubscription Options**

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Option A: Subscriber may select the Telephone Company as the presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.

Option B: Subscriber may select her/his interLATA toll carrier as the presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.

Option C: Subscriber may select a carrier other than the Telephone Company or the subscriber's interLATA toll carrier as the presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.

Option D; Subscriber may select no presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription which will require the subscriber to dial a carrier access code to route all intraLATA toll calls to the carrier of choice for each call.

c. Rules and Regulations

Subscribers of record will retain their current dialing arrangements until they request that their dialing arrangements be changed.

Subscribers of record or new subscribers may select either Options A, B, C, or D for intraLATA Presubscription.

Subscribers may change their selected Option and/or their presubscribed intraLATA toll carrier at any time subject to charges specified in Paragraph E, below.

d. IntraLATA Presubscription Procedures

New subscribers will be asked to select an intraLATA toll carrier(s) at the time the subscriber places an order to establish local exchange service with the Telephone Company. The Telephone Company will process the subscriber's order for intraLATA service. The selected carrier(s) will confirm their respective subscribers' verbal selection by third-party verification or return written confirmation notices. All new subscribers' initial requests for intraLATA toll service presubscription shall be provided free of charge.

If a new subscriber is unable to make a selection at the time the new subscriber places an order to establish local exchange service, the Telephone Company will read a random listing of all available intraLATA carriers to aid the subscriber in selection. If selection is still not possible, the Telephone Company will inform the subscriber that he/she will be given 90 calendar days in which to inform the Telephone Company of an intraLATA toll carrier presubscription selection free of charge. Until the subscriber informs the Telephone Company of his/her choice for intraLATA toll carrier, the subscriber will not have a presubscribed intraLATA toll carrier, but rather will be required to dial a carrier access code to route all intraLATA toll calls to the carrier(s) of choice. Subscribers who inform the Telephone Company of a choice for intraLATA toll presubscription within the 90-day period will not be assessed a service charge for the initial subscriber request.

Subscribers of record may initiate an intraLATA presubscription change at any time subject to the charges specified in e.ii. below. If a customer of record inquires of the Telephone Company of the carriers available for intraLATA toll presubscription, the Telephone Company will read a random listing of all available intraLATA carriers to aid the subscriber in selection.

e. IntraLATA Presubscription Charges

i. Application of Charges

After a subscriber's initial selection for a presubscribed intraLATA toll carrier and as detailed in Paragraph D above, for any change thereafter, an IntraLATA Presubscription Change Charge will apply. The IntraLATA Presubscription Change Charge shall be applied as follows:

- a. The charge shall be no greater than those set forth in Paragraph (e)(ii), unless modified by a company-specific Commission-approved tariff.
- b. If a Subscriber changes both the InterLATA and IntraLATA Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier at the same time, 50% of the otherwise applicable IntraLATA Presubscription Change Charge will apply.

ii. Nonrecurring Charges IntraLATA Presubscription Change Charge

Per business or residence line, trunk, or port:

- |   |                    |        |
|---|--------------------|--------|
| - | Manual Process     | \$5.50 |
| - | Electronic Process | \$1.25 |

**B. REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVISION OF CERTAIN SERVICES, OR WHERE CERTAIN CONDITIONS OF SERVICE ARE UTILIZED (check all applicable):**

**x        1. DISCOUNTS FOR PERSONS WITH COMMUNICATION DISABILITIES AND THE TELECOMMUNICATION RELAY SERVICE**

Applicable to all telephone companies offering message toll service (MTS)  
(See also Case Nos. 87-206-TP-COI and 91-113-TP-COI):

- a. For purposes of these requirements, the definition of disabled refers to those persons with communication disabilities, including those hearing-disabled, deaf, deaf/blind, and speech-disabled persons who have a disability that prevents them from communicating over the telephone without the aid of a telecommunications device for the communicatively disabled.
- b. Residential disabled customers or disabled members of a customer's household, upon written application and upon certification of their disabled status, which is evidenced by either a certificate from a physician, health care official, state agency, or a diploma from an accredited educational institution for the disabled, are eligible to receive a discount off their MTS rates, and, if they utilize telebraille devices, they are eligible to receive free access to local and intrastate long distance directory assistance. Additionally, TDD lines maintained by non-profit organizations and governmental agencies, upon written application and verification that such lines are maintained for the benefit of the disabled, are eligible to receive a discount off their MTS rates.
- c. Upon receipt of the appropriate application, and certification or verification of a person with a communication disability, one of the following discounts shall be made available for the benefit of the disabled person:

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- i. Off the basic MTS, current, price list day rates: a 40 percent discount off the intrastate, interexchange, customer-dialed, station-to-station calls occurring between 8:00 a.m. and 4:59 p.m. Monday through Friday; a 60 percent discount off the intrastate, interexchange, customer-dialed, station-to-station calls occurring between 5:00 p.m. and 10:59 p.m. Sunday through Friday, and New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas; and a 70 percent discount off the intrastate, interexchange, customer-dialed, station-to-station calls occurring between 11:00 p.m. and 7:59 a.m. any day, 8:00 a.m. and 4:59 p.m. Sunday, and all day Saturday; or
- ii. Off the basic MTS, current, price list day rates: no less than a straight 70 percent discount shall be made available on a 24 hour a day basis; or
- iii. For MTS which is offered similar to the mileage-banded rate structure established in the Commission's April 9, 1985 Opinion and Order in Case No. 84-944-TP-COI, with the traditional day, evening, and night/weekend discounts: the "evening" discount off the intrastate, interexchange, customer-dialed, station-to-station calls placed during the "day" period Monday through Friday; and the "night/ weekend" discount off the intrastate, interexchange, customer-dialed, station-to-station calls placed during the "evening" period Sunday through Friday, and on New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Furthermore, the "night/ weekend" discount plus an additional discount equivalent to no less than ten percent of the company's current, price list, "day" rates for basic MTS shall be made available for intrastate, interexchange, customer-dialed, station-to-station calls placed during the "night/weekend" period any day, the "day" period Sunday, and all day Saturday.
- d. All MTS calls placed through the telecommunication relay service (TRS) are eligible to receive a discount off the MTS rates. The rate discounts are the same as those set forth in paragraph 1.c. preceding. The discount shall not apply to sponsor charges associated with calls placed to pay-per-call services, such as 900, 976, or 900-like calls.

x      **2.      EMERGENCY SERVICES CALLING PLAN**

Applicable to all CLECs and CTSs offering MTS (See also Case Nos. 85-1466-TP-COI and 89-54-TP-COI):

Message toll telephone calls to governmental emergency service agencies, as set forth in (a) following, having primary or principal responsibility with respect to the provision of emergency services to persons and property in the area from which the call is made, meeting the definition and criteria of an emergency call as set forth in (b) following, are offered at no charge to customers:

- a.      Governmental fire fighting, Ohio State Highway Patrol, police, and emergency squad service (as designated by the appropriate governmental agency) qualify as governmental emergency service agencies provided they answer emergency service calls on a personally attended (live) 24-hour basis, 365 days a year, including holidays.
- b.      An emergency is an occurrence or set of circumstances in which conditions pose immediate threat to human life, property, or both, and necessitate that prompt action be taken. An emergency call is an originated call of short duration to a governmental emergency service agency in order to seek assistance for such an emergency.

☐ **3. ALTERNATIVE OPERATOR SERVICES**

By checking this box, the provider attests that it will provide alternative operator services (AOS) as defined in Rule 4901:1-6-01(A) of the Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) in compliance with all of the AOS service parameters set forth in Rule 4901:1-6-23, O.A.C.

☒ **4. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

The following is applicable to all telephone companies that choose to include in their tariffs language which may limit their liability (See also Case No. 85-1406-AU-COI):

Approval of limitation of liability language by the PUCO does not constitute a determination by the Commission that the limitation of liability imposed by the company should be upheld in a court of law. Approval by the Commission merely recognizes that since it is a courts responsibility to adjudicate negligence and consequent damage claims, it is also the court's responsibility to determine the validity of the exculpatory clause.

☒ **5. TERMINATION LIABILITY**

The following is applicable to all telephone companies who choose to include in their tariffs language which imposes early termination liability on a customer for termination of service prior to the designated term of service:

Inclusion of early termination liability by the company in its tariff or a contract does not constitute a determination by the Commission that the termination liability imposed by the company is approved or sanctioned by the Commission. Customers shall be free to pursue whatever legal remedies they may have should a dispute arise.

☒ **6. SERVICE CONNECTION ASSISTANCE (SCA)**

The following is applicable to all LECs that offer local service to residential customers:

SCA is targeted to help defray the one-time, up-front costs



of connecting to the local exchange network for qualified customers. It provides a waiver of the deposit requirement, full or partial waiver of the service connection charges.

**x 7. LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY and NUMBER POOLING**

See Case No. 95-845-TP-COI Guideline XIV, FCC Dockets 95-116 and 99-200. NOTE: LNP and number pooling are required of all facilities-based LECs, regardless of size, and CMRS where currently rolled-out by the FCC or as a result of a bona fide request unless granted an extension, exemption, or waiver by the Commission or the FCC.

**x 8. TARIFFING AND DISCONNECTION PROCEDURES FOR SERVICE PACKAGES OR BUNDLES**

Applicable to all LECs packaging or bundling regulated local services with toll service and/or unregulated services. See Rule 4901:1-6-21(C), Ohio Administrative Code.

**X Option 1**

**Tariffing**

Under option 1, LECs that package or bundle regulated local services with toll and/or unregulated services shall tariff only the regulated components of a package or bundle of services either as a package at a separate, single rate for the regulated components or individually at individual tarified rates. The unregulated services and any rate(s) associated with the unregulated service components of any package or bundle of services shall not be tarified.

**Disconnection Procedures**

Under option 1, if a customer fails to submit timely payment sufficient to cover the amount of the regulated charges, the LEC may discontinue the provision of the regulated services in compliance with Rule 4901:1-5-17, Ohio Administrative Code.

**Staff Notice**

Under option 1, LECs shall keep the Director of the Consumer Services Division and the Chief of Telecommunications of the Utilities Department informed and up-to-date on all current offers to consumers that bundle regulated local services with unregulated

services at a single packaged rate, different from the rate shown in the tariff for the regulated components of the package. The notice to staff shall identify the regulated and unregulated services included and the packaged rate (the combined tariffed and untariffed rate).

☐ **Option 2**

**Tariffing**

Under option 2, LECs shall tariff the entire package or bundle of services including both regulated local services and toll and/or unregulated services for a single combined packaged rate (including any amount attributable to the unregulated components). The LEC shall clearly identify the services within the package and denote which services are unregulated.

**Disconnection Procedures**

Under option 2, if a customer fails to submit timely payment sufficient to cover the entire amount of the regulated and unregulated bundled packaged rate, the LEC may discontinue the provision of any regulated and unregulated services, other than basic local exchange service, if payment is sufficient to cover the rate for basic local exchange service. For purposes of this rule, the rate for basic local exchange service shall be the tariffed rate for stand-alone basic local exchange service. In the event a CLEC does not offer basic local exchange service on a stand-alone basis, the CLEC shall identify an amount in the tariff for the basic local exchange service component of the package. In no event shall this amount exceed the packaged rate. Further, if the customer loses services included in the package due to non-payment or partial payment pursuant to this rule, the customer shall be entitled to add, change, or discontinue any regulated services provided according to the LEC's normal procedures for adding, changing or discontinuing such services.

**Disconnection Notice**

Under option 2, the LEC shall, in its notice of disconnection for non-payment, state the total amount due to avoid discontinuance of the package, as well as the total amount due to avoid discontinuance of the basic local exchange service component of the package.

☐ 9. **INMATE OPERATOR SERVICES**

By checking this box, the provider attests that it will provide inmate operator services (IOS) as defined in Rule 4901:1-6-01(A) of the Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) in compliance with all of the IOS service parameters set forth in Rule 4901:1-6-23, O.A.C.

## **EXHIBIT C**

### **Rationale For Proposed Revised Tariff Changes**

**The company has changed its name for marketing purposes. The name change will not affect the services to be provided to customers.**

## **EXHIBIT D**

**Ohio Secretary of State Certificates of Amendment and Trade Name**



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**Receipt**

This is not a bill. Please do not remit payment.

LANCE J.M. STEINHART, P.C.  
1720 WINDWARD CONCOURSE  
SUITE 25C  
ALPHARETTA, GA 30005

# STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATE

Ohio Secretary of State, J. Kenneth Blackwell

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It is hereby certified that the Secretary of State of Ohio has custody of the business records for  
**BUDGET PREPAY, INC.**

and, that said business records show the filing and recording of:

Document(s)  
**FOREIGN/AMENDMENT**

Document No(s):  
**200606602866**



United States of America  
State of Ohio  
Office of the Secretary of State

Witness my hand and the seal of the  
Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio  
this 2nd day of March, A.D. 2006.

*J. Kenneth Blackwell*  
Ohio Secretary of State



DATE:	DOCUMENT ID	DESCRIPTION	FILING	EXPED	PENALTY	CERT	COPY
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**Receipt**

This is not a bill. Please do not remit payment.

LANCE J.M. STEINHART, P.C.  
1720 WINDWARD CONCOURSE  
STE. 2500  
ALPHARETTA, GA 30005

# STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATE

Ohio Secretary of State, J. Kenneth Blackwell

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It is hereby certified that the Secretary of State of Ohio has custody of the business records for

**BUDGET PHONE**

and, that said business records show the filing and recording of:

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BUDGET PREPAY, INC.  
1325 BARKSDALE BLVD.  
STE. 200  
BOSSIER CITY, LA 71111



United States of America  
State of Ohio  
Office of the Secretary of State

Witness my hand and the seal of  
the Secretary of State at Columbus,  
Ohio this 21st day of March, A.D.  
2006.

*J. Kenneth Blackwell*  
Ohio Secretary of State

## **EXHIBIT E**

### **List of Names, Addresses and Phone Numbers of Officers, Directors or Partners**

#### **Officers**

R. Daniel Hyde, Jr.	President
Tony Cason	Manager of Operations
R. Daniel Hyde, III	Secretary
Stephen Hyde	Regional Sales Manager

#### **Directors**

R. Daniel Hyde, Jr.  
Tony Cason  
R. Daniel Hyde, III  
Stephen Hyde



**Exhibit F**

**Customer Notice**

May 15, 2007

## **We're Changing Our Name!**

That's right! As of May 15, 2007, Budget Phone, Inc. is now Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone. Our new name better reflects the wide range of services we offer to our customers.

As always, Budget Prepay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone will continue to provide the same quality service and outstanding value the customers have come to expect.

Our professional Customer Service Representatives are ready to help answer your questions and can be contacted by dialing 888-424-5588. Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone appreciates your trust and looks forward to providing all of your future service needs.

Sincerely,

Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone

**Exhibit G**

**List of Ohio Counties Specifically Involved or Affected**

*Applicant provides service on a statewide basis*

**Exhibit H**

**Affidavit**

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

Application of Budget Phone, Inc.    )  
To change name to                    )  
Budget PrePay, Inc.                 )    Case No. 07-\_\_\_\_\_ -TP-CIO  
d/b/a Budget Phone                 )

**AFFIDAVIT OF JODY CRAFT**

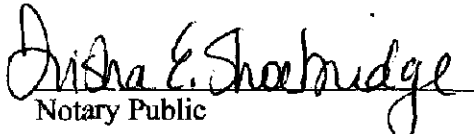
STATE OF LOUISIANA    )  
                                  )    ss.  
COUNTY OF BOSSIER    )

The undersigned, being of lawful age and duly sworn on oath, hereby certifies, deposes and states that customer notice has been given to the affected customers via bill message in accordance with OAC 4901:1-6-17.

Further Affiant sayeth not.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jody Craft  
Director of Operations

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 27th day of April, 2007

  
Notary Public

