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Ms. Betty McCauley, Commission Secretary Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Budget PrePay, Inc. Case No. 17-0881-TP-ABN; Supplement to Application to Cancel CPCN and Withdraw Tariffs

Dear Ms. McCauley:

Please accept this supplemental information, submitted on behalf of Budget PrePay, Inc. ("Budget PrePay") in connection with the Case referenced above in response to requests from the Commission Staff.

- Budget Prepay has not had any landline customers in Ohio since November 2015. Budget Prepay did not collect deposits from its customers and therefore has no deposits to return.
- Budget Prepay did not obtain numbers directly from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), and has no numbers to return upon discontinuing its operations.
- Attached is a copy of the Section 214 discontinuance filing submitted by Budget PrePay to the FCC.
- Budget Prepay will terminate its Interconnection Agreements with Frontier North, United Telephone Company of Ohio and AT&T.

Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3031 or via email to Sthomas@tminc.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/Sharon Thomas

Sharon Thomas Consultant to Budget PrePay, Inc.

cc: Robin Enkey - Budget PrePay tms: OHx1701a

Enclosures

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of Section 63.71 Application)		
of Budget PrePay, Inc., for Authority)		
Pursuant to Section 214 of the)	Docket No.	
Communications Act of 1934 To)		
Discontinue its Wireline)	File No.	
Telecommunications Services)		-
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SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Budget PrePay, Inc. ("Budget"), by counsel, hereby submits this application ("Application") to seek authorization pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its provision of its domestic <u>wireline</u> telecommunications services ("Discontinued Wireline Services") on or before May 31, 2017, in the following jurisdictions: Alabama, California, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia, and Wyoming ("Wireline Jurisdictions").

Budget does not provide wireline telecommunications services in any other states or other jurisdictions. Budget is a non-dominant carrier with respect to the Discontinued Wireline Services. <u>Wireless</u> services provided by Budget are not affected by this proposed discontinuance.

The impact on the public of this proposed discontinuance will be virtually non-existent because Budget currently has no customers for any of its Discontinued Wireline Services in any of the Wireline Jurisdictions. Because Budget operates as a non-dominant carrier with respect to the Discontinued Wireline Services, Budget anticipates that the Application will be automatically granted, pursuant to the provisions of Section 63.71(f) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(f), on the 31st day after the date on which the Commission releases a Public Notice specifying procedures and dates applicable to the Application.¹

In support of the Application, Budget provides the following information.

I. Information Required by 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1) - 63.71(a)(4)

1. Name and Address of Carrier

Budget PrePay, Inc. 1325 Barksdale Boulevard Bossier City, LA 71111

Point of Contact Regarding the Application

Todd B. Lantor Lukas, LaFuria, Gutierrez & Sachs, LLP 8300 Greensboro Drive Suite 1200 Tysons, VA 22102

¹ Section 63.71(f) provides that:

The application to discontinue, reduce or impair service, if filed by a domestic, nondominant carrier, shall be automatically granted on the 31st day after its filing with the Commission without any Commission notification to the applicant unless the Commission has notified the applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective. ... For purposes of this section, an application will be deemed filed on the date the Commission releases public notice of the filing.

2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance

Budget plans to discontinue the provision of the Discontinued Wireline Services on or before May 31, 2017, but, pursuant to the provisions of Section 63.71(f) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(f), no earlier than 31 days after the date on which the Commission releases a Public Notice specifying procedures and dates applicable to the Application.

3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected

Budget is planning to discontinue the Discontinued Wireline Services, as described above, in each of the Wireline Jurisdictions. Budget is following the applicable laws in each of the Wireline Jurisdictions for discontinuance of such services in each such jurisdiction.

4. Description of Type of Services Affected

As explained above, Budget will discontinue only its <u>wireline</u> services. Budget will continue to offer <u>wireless</u> services on a resale basis. The Discontinued Wireline Services consist of local and intrastate long distance wireline services provided to residential subscribers. Budget provides these wireline services pursuant to its domestic Section 214 authorization granted by operation of law pursuant to Section 63.01(a) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.01(a), as well as the requisite authorizations held by Budget in the Wireline Jurisdictions.

II. Notice to Subscribers

The notice requirements of Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a), relating to affected customers do not apply to the Application because, as explained above, Budget does not have any affected customers in the Wireline Jurisdictions.

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III. Notice to Wireline Jurisdictions and to the U.S. Department of Defense

In accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a),

Budget has mailed a copy of the Application to the public utility commissions and the Governors

of the affected states listed above, to the public utility commission and the Mayor of the District

of Columbia, and to the U.S. Secretary of Defense.

In addition, the following notice is hereby provided as required by, and specified in,

Section 63.71(a)(5)(i) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(5)(i):

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the Section 63.71 Application of Budget PrePay, Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance.²

IV. Non-Dominant Status

Budget is a non-dominant carrier in the local and interexchange services markets, and, as

indicated above, Budget operates as a non-dominant carrier with respect to the Discontinued

Wireline Services.

V. Designated Contact

Correspondence concerning the Application should be directed to:

² The notification is quoted from Section 63.71(a)(5)(i) of the Commission's Rules, with modifications to reflect the fact that Budget does not have any affected customers in the Wireline Jurisdictions.

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WHEREFORE, Budget PrePay, Inc., respectfully requests that the Commission authorize the discontinuance of the Discontinued Wireline Services specified by Budget in the Application on or before May 31, 2017, but, pursuant to the provisions of Section 63.71(f) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(f), no earlier than 31 days after the date on which the Commission releases a Public Notice specifying procedures and dates applicable to the Application.

Respectfully submitted:

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Todd B. Lantor John Cimko Lukas, LaFuria, Gutierrez & Sachs, LLP 8300 Greensboro Drive Suite 1200 Tysons, VA 22102 Counsel for Budget PrePay, Inc.

March 21, 2017

cc: Governors of Alabama, California, Delaware, (Mayor of) District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia, and Wyoming

Secretary of Defense, Pentagon Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications Alabama Public Service Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, Delaware Public Service Commission, District of Columbia Public Service Commission, Florida Public Service Commission, Georgia Public Service Commission, Illinois Commerce Commission, Iowa Utilities Board, Maryland Public Service Commission, Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, Michigan Public Service Commission, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, New York State Public Service Commission, Ohio Public Utilities Commission, Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission, Texas Public Utility Commission, Virginia State Corporation Commission, Wyoming Public Service Commission

Attachments

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Joseph Mirshak, do hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Section 63.71

Application submitted by Budget PrePay, Inc., were sent via first-class, postage prepaid, United

States Mail, on the 21st day of March, 2017, to the following:

Secretary of Defense, Pentagon Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications Washington, DC 20301

Office of Governor Robert Bentley 600 Dexter Avenue Montgomery, AL 36130

Office of Governor Jerry Brown c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173 Sacramento, CA 95814

Office of Governor John Carney Tatnall Building 150 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd South Dover, DE 19901

Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004

Office of Governor Rick Scott The Capitol 400 S. Monroe St. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Office of Governor Nathan Deal 206 Washington Street 111 State Capitol Atlanta, GA 30334

Office of Governor Bruce Rauner 207 State House Springfield, IL 62706 Alabama Public Service Commission PO Box 304260 Montgomery, AL 36130

California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

Delaware Public Service Commission 861 Silver Lake Boulevard Cannon Building, Suite 100 Dover, DE 19904

Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia 1325 G Street N.W., Suite 800 Washington, DC 20005

Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Georgia Public Service Commission 244 Washington Street, SW Atlanta, GA 30334-9052

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Maryland Public Service Commission William Donald Schaefer Tower 6 St. Paul St., 16th Floor Baltimore, MD 21202

Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities One South Station Boston, MA 02110

Michigan Public Service Commission PO Box 30221 Lansing, MI 48909

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit St, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 So. Clinton Ave., 7th Floor Trenton, NJ 08625

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission 1120 Paseo De Peralta PERA Building P.O. Box 1269 Santa Fe, NM 87504

New York State Public Service Commission Empire State Plaza Agency Building 3 Albany, NY 12223-1350

Ohio Public Utilities Commission 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215 Office of Governor Mary Fallin Oklahoma State Capitol 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Room 212 Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Office of Governor Tom Wolf 508 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

Office of Governor Gina Raimondo 82 Smith Street Providence, RI 02903

Office of Governor Greg Abbott PO Box 12428 Austin, TX 78711-2428

Office of Governor Terry McAuliffe State Capitol Third Floor Richmond, VA 23219

Office of Governor Matthew Mead State Capitol Building Room 124 Cheyenne, WY 82002 Oklahoma Corporation Commission PO Box 52000 Oklahoma City, OK 73152-2000

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 2nd Floor, Room-N201 Harrisburg, PA 17120

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02888

Texas Public Utility Commission 1701 N. Congress Avenue PO Box 13326 Austin, TX 78711-3326

Virginia State Corporation Commission PO Box 1197 Richmond, VA 23218

Wyoming Public Service Commission Hansen Building 2515 Warren Avenue Suite 300 Cheyenne, WY 82002

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