

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Budget) Case No.17-881-TP-ABN
Prepay, Inc. dba Budget Phone to Withdraw its)
Certificate of Public Convenience and)
Necessity

**REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

On March 31, 2017, Budget Prepay, Inc. dba Budget Phone (Applicant) filed an application to abandon all telecommunications services and relinquish its certificate 90-9218 pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-6-26. The Applicant was certified as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier providing local exchange and competitive telecommunication services. The Applicant received certification under case number 02-752-TP-ACE.

The Applicant states it is dissolving its business and will no longer offer telecommunications services. The Applicant has had no customers or revenue since November 2015 when it transferred its customers to another telephone company certified in Ohio, Global Connection Inc of America.

Absent full or partial suspension, abandonment applications will be approved in accordance with the thirty-day automatic approval process described in rule 4901:1-6-05 of the O.A.C. The Staff reviewed all documents filed with this application and has determined that the proposed application, as amended, appears to satisfy the Commission’s requirements set forth in 4901:1-6-26 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Staff recommends that this application be approved on April 30, 2017. Upon approval of the application, Staff will ensure cancellation of certificate no. 90-9218.

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