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 Communications Act of 1934 To Discontinue its Wireline Telecommunications Services	))))))))	Docket No. _____ File No. _____

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 *wireline* 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. *Wireless* 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, non-dominant 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 *wireline* services. Budget will continue to offer *wireless* 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.

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.

Todd B. Lantor
Lukas, LaFuria, Gutierrez & Sachs, LLP
8300 Greensboro Drive
Suite 1200
Tysons, VA 22102
tlantor@fcclaw.com
(703) 584-8671

* * * * * * *

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:

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

Alabama Public Service Commission
PO Box 304260
Montgomery, AL 36130

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Office of Governor Bruce Rauner
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Illinois Commerce Commission
527 E Capitol Ave
Springfield, IL 62701

Office of Governor Terry Branstad
1007 East Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50319

Office of Governor Larry Hogan
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401-1925

Office of Governor Charlie Baker
Massachusetts State House
Room 280
Boston, MA 02133

Office of Governor Rick Snyder
PO Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Office of Governor Chris Sununu
State House
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Office of Governor Chris Christie
PO Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625

Office of Governor Susana Martinez
490 Old Santa Fe Trail
Room 400
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Office of Governor Andrew Cuomo
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Office of Governor John Kasich
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-6117

Iowa Utilities Board
1375 E. Court Avenue, Room 69
Des Moines, IA 50319-0069

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

By: Joseph Mirshak

Joseph Mirshak
Legal Assistant
Lukas, LaFuria, Gutierrez & Sachs, LLP