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October 28, 2015

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **CC Docket No. 00-257**: Notification of Transfer of Subscribers from Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone to Global Connection Inc. of America Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 64.1120

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 64.1120(e) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.1120(e), Global Connection Inc. of America (GCIOA), by its counsel, respectfully notifies the Commission that GCIOA intends to acquire a portion of the customer base of Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone ("Budget"). GCIOA is complying with the Commission's rules and procedures governing compliance with Section 258 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, including the provision of advanced written notice to all affected customers. In conformity with Commission rules, GCIOA provides the following information:

Parties to the Transaction: The parties involved in the transaction are Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone (the Assignor) and Global Connection Inc. of America (the Assignee).

Types of Telecommunications Services Provided to the Affected Subscribers: Budget provides prepaid wireline local exchange and domestic long distance services to the affected subscribers on a retail basis. GCIOA will provide the same services to these subscribers.

Date of Transfer of the Subscribers to Acquiring Carrier: Budget intends to transfer the affected subscribers to GCIOA on November 27, 2015, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals are obtained.

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Attached to this letter are (a) GCIOA's certification of compliance with the requirements of the Commission governing transfers of subscribers, and (b) copies of the notices sent to the affected subscribers, as required under the rules. Notices were mailed to the affected customers on September 25, 2015.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions concerning this notification.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments

CERTIFICATION OF GLOBAL CONNECTION INC. OF AMERICA

The undersigned hereby certifies as follows:

1. I have read the foregoing document and hereby verify that the statements therein are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

2. In connection with the transfer of customers described in the foregoing document, Global Connection Inc. of America has complied with the Commission's requirement to provide advance subscriber notice in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §64.1120(e)(3), with the obligations specified in that notice, and with other statutory and Commission requirements that apply to this streamlined process.

GLOBAL CONNECTION INC. OF AMERICA

By: 

Name: David Skogen

Title: CEO

Date: Oct 21, 2015

Sworn and subscribed to before me this
21st day of October 2015.


Notary Public

My Commission expires: 6/4/2018



Sample Customer Notices



Name
address
address2
city, state zip

Re: <Insert BTN>

**IMPORTANT NOTICE
REGARDING A CHANGE TO YOUR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE**

Dear <Insert Name>:

We are pleased to share some exciting news about your telecommunications service provider. Beginning on or after Oct. 25, 2015, your telecommunications service, formerly provided by Budget Prepay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone (Budget), will be provided by Global Connection Inc. of America (GCIOA).¹ Based in Atlanta, Georgia, GCIOA is a licensed Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) in 26 states, providing a range of local and long distance services to residential customers.

GCIOA intends to continue the fine level of customer service you expect and have received from Budget Phone. Every effort will be made to ensure that this transition is as seamless as possible.²

No action on your part is required.

Your service will not be affected. You will continue to use the same telephone number you currently have and there will be no fees applied in connection with the transfer of your service to GCIOA. Importantly, GCIOA will provide you with services that meet or exceed those you currently receive while ensuring that the transfer does not result in an increase to your regular monthly recurring charges.³ Notice of any future changes in rates, terms and conditions of service will be provided to you as required by law.⁴ If you decide that GCIOA is not the right provider for you, you have the right to choose another provider. If you choose to switch to an alternate provider, you may incur a fee from that carrier for the transfer. If you do not choose an alternate provider prior to Oct. 25, 2015, your service will be transferred to GCIOA.

Please note that if you have placed a “freeze” on your Budget service to prevent unauthorized transfer to another carrier, it will be automatically lifted to implement the transfer to GCIOA. You will need to contact GCIOA, or your alternative choice of a new local phone company, to re-establish freeze protection after the transfer.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the change to your home telephone account, you can call GCIOA at any point at 1-877-895-1191 or, prior to the transfer, call Budget Phone at 1-888-424-5588. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to serving you!

Sincerely,

Dave Skogen, CEO
Global Connection Inc. of America
Customer Service: 1-877-895-1191
E-Mail: info@globalconnectioninc.com

Danny Hyde, CEO
Budget Prepay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone
Customer Service: 1-888-424-5588

¹The transfer is contingent upon approval by the Federal Communications Commission and by state commissions, where required.

² Customers receiving Lifeline services from Budget will continue to be enrolled to receive Lifeline services from GCIOA.

³ Many Customers will actually enjoy lower rates for their services and GCIOA will issue billing credits that offset any possible increases.

⁴ **Notice for Tennessee Customers:** Consistent with state law, in the event that GCIOA proposes to make changes to your rates within a period of ninety (90) days following the transfer of your service to GCIOA, the Company will provide you with at least thirty days' advance notice of the proposed change(s).



Name
address
address2
city, state zip

Re: <Insert BTN>

**IMPORTANT NOTICE
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Dear <Insert Name>:

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