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November 8, 2012

VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Affordable Phone Services, Inc. Update to Amended Petition for Waiver;
WC Docket Nos. 11-42, 12-23, 03-109 and CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 7, 2012, Affordable Phone Services, Inc. (“Affordable”) submitted a petition for waiver of Section 54.410(f) of the Commission’s rules requiring annual re-certification of Affordable’s wireline Lifeline customers. On September 20, 2012, Affordable amended its petition to clarify that fact that Affordable will discontinue Lifeline service to all wireline customers served using AT&T as the underlying provider and seeks waiver of the re-certification requirement for those customers.

All customers whose service will be discontinued have available to them other choices in service providers, including several ETCs providing wireline and wireless Lifeline service offerings. Affordable is assisting its customers in transitioning to new service providers. Notably, all customers whose service will be discontinued received a notice from Affordable referring them to Tele Circuit Network Corporation (“Tele Circuit”), which provides comparable wireline and Lifeline services in Alabama, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina.¹ Customers have no obligation to switch to Tele Circuit, as they have several other options for providers of wireline or wireless Lifeline service in their states. Affordable’s customers in Kentucky also have several options for providers of landline Lifeline service, including Global Connection Inc. of America, Budget Prepay and AT&T Kentucky.

¹ Customers switching to Tele Circuit’s services have been advised that they will need to provide Tele Circuit with a letter of authorization confirming the customer’s desire to switch local and toll landline service providers. In addition, Lifeline subscribers have been advised that they will need to complete a new Lifeline certification form and show proof of program eligibility to Tele Circuit.

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In addition, for your reference, we have included copies of the relevant discontinuance filings for Affordable with this submission.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



John J. Heitmann
Joshua T. Guyan

Counsel to Affordable Phone Services, Inc.

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Divya Shenoy
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Office of the Secretary

BY HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Affordable Phone Services, Inc. Section 63.71 Application

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Affordable Phone Services, Inc. and pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b), enclosed please find an original and four copies of the Company's Section 63.71 Application for the discontinuance of selected domestic telecommunications services.

Also enclosed is a duplicate of this filing. Kindly date-stamp the duplicate and return it to the courier.

Respectfully submitted,



Winafred Brantl

Counsel to Affordable Phone Services, Inc.

Enclosures

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

In the Matter of)
)
Section 63.71 Application of)
Affordable Phone Services, Inc.)

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Affordable Phone Services, Inc. (“Affordable,” the “Company” or “Applicant”) hereby seeks authorization pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the “Act”), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.71 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its provision of selected domestic telecommunications within the Company’s service territory – specifically prepaid local exchange and long distance services that the Company currently provides to customers on a resale basis in Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina and South Carolina using AT&T as the underlying carrier.

Affordable, a Florida corporation, operates as a provider of domestic competitive telecommunications services in the southeastern United States. Currently, Affordable offers its customers a prepaid wireline package of residential local exchange and interexchange¹ services in these states.² Affordable does not provide international services.

¹ Affordable provides both intrastate and interstate long distance services.

² At this time, Affordable has no customers for these services in Louisiana.

In response to changing market conditions, Affordable has determined that it is no longer feasible to offer its current resold wireline service package in the AT&T territories.³ The proposed discontinuance will not result in harm to the affected customers because they are being provided with ample notice of the discontinuance and equivalent service offerings are available from other carriers. One or more other carriers in each state provide similar prepaid packages and many more carriers, including the incumbent carrier, AT&T, provide these services on a post-paid basis.

The Applicant provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules:

1. Name and Address of Carrier: Applicant's name and address is Affordable Phone Services, Inc., P.O. Box 831372, Ocala, FL 34483.
2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance, Reduction or Impairment: Subject to receipt of necessary federal and state regulatory authorizations⁴, the proposed discontinuance is scheduled to take place on December 31, 2012.
3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected: Affordable proposes to discontinue the provision of prepaid (wireline) local exchange and interexchange services delivered using AT&T as the underlying carrier in Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina and South Carolina.

³ Following implementation of this decision, Affordable will undertake a strategic re-assessment of the intrastate and national communications markets and determine in what manner the Company can most effectively compete with other service offerings.

⁴ Affordable understands that this application will be granted automatically on the 31st day after public notice of filing unless the Commission notifies the Company to the contrary.

4. Brief Description of Type of Service Affected: The communications services affected by the proposed discontinuance consist of prepaid (wireline) residential local exchange and interexchange services.

5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers: On October 9, 2012, Affordable sent written notice to affected customers by first-class mail in accordance with the requirements of Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules, informing them that the Company will cease provision of prepaid residential local and long distance services effective December 31, 2012. The notice clearly underscores that customers must make arrangements with another carrier to avoid loss of service and provides a toll-free telephone number that customers may call to reach Affordable service representatives for assistance with this transition. A sample copy of the notice sent to Affordable's customers is appended as *Exhibit A*.⁵

6. Whether the Carrier is Considered Dominant or Non-Dominant with Respect to the Service to Be Discontinued, Reduced or Impaired: Applicant is considered non-dominant with respect to the affected services.

In accordance with Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules and concurrent with this filing, a copy of this Application is being mailed to (i) the Governors and Public Service Commissions (or equivalent) of Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina and South Carolina and (ii) to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications for the Secretary of Defense.

⁵ Affordable's customer notice incorrectly refers (in a footnote) to discontinuance in all nine BellSouth states. The Company is not discontinuing services in Georgia, Mississippi or Tennessee; however, because Affordable currently has no customers in those three states for the services in question, there is no risk of customer confusion arising from this error.

Additional questions regarding this application should be addressed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Affordable Phone Services, Inc.

By: 

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Its Attorneys

Dated: October 19, 2012

Exhibit A
Sample Customer Notice



Customer Name
Address Line 1
Address Line 2

October , 2012

Notice of Discontinuance of Your Telephone Service by Affordable Phone Services, Inc.

Dear Customer:

Affordable Phone Services, Inc. ("Affordable") regrets to inform you that it is preparing to cease providing prepaid local and long distance service to customers in a significant part of its service area.¹ **In order to avoid a disruption in telephone service, you must make arrangements for service with a new telephone company before the cut-off date noted below.** The names and telephone numbers of local telephone service companies, which also typically provide long distance service, are listed in your telephone directory. Customer service representatives at these companies will help you to select services to most effectively replace your current Affordable service. If you arrange for new service before your Affordable service is terminated and wish to keep your current telephone number(s), please be sure to address this with your new service provider.

Subject to regulatory approvals, your service cut-off date is December 31, 2012. If you do not arrange to have your telephone service provided by a new telephone company prior to **December 31, 2012**, you may lose telephone service (which means that you will be unable to make local calls including 911) and you may not be able to keep your current telephone number(s) with the new service provider. Effective with this notice, Affordable will no longer make any changes to or reconnect existing service and will not accept orders for new service.

¹ This discontinuance affects customers for Affordable's prepaid wireline local and long distance service in those parts of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee where AT&T is the incumbent local exchange carrier.

The Federal Communications Commission requires us to provide you with the following notice in connection with its review of the proposed discontinuance:

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. 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 § 63.71 Application of Affordable Phone Services, Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

We thank you for being an Affordable customer and wish you well with your new provider. Should you have any questions, please contact Affordable at 877-369-0999.

Sincerely,

Affordable Phone Services, Inc.
PO Box 831327
Ocala, FL 34483

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served this 19th day of October, 2012, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses listed below.

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Attn: Special Assistant for
Telecommunications
Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

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Office of Governor Robert Bentley
State Capitol
600 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36130-2751

Florida
Office of Governor Rick Scott
PL 05 The Capitol
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Kentucky
Office of Governor Steven L. Beshear
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Frankfort, KY 40601

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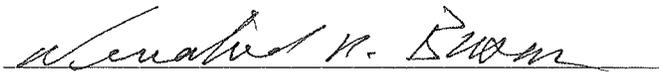
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Mr. Walter L. Thomas, Jr.
Secretary
Alabama Public Service Commission
100 North Union Street, Suite 850
Montgomery, Alabama 36104



*electronically filed
and via courier*

Re: Notification of Affordable Phone Services, Inc.'s Intent to Discontinue Services

Dear Mr. Thomas,

Affordable Phone Services, Inc. (“Affordable” or the “Company”), through the undersigned counsel, hereby notifies the Commission that it intends to discontinue the provision of resold prepaid local exchange and interexchange services to customers within the State of Alabama. In response to changing market conditions, Affordable has determined that it is no longer feasible to offer these service packages. The proposed discontinuance will not result in harm to the affected customers because they are being provided ample advance notice of the discontinuance and equivalent service offerings are available from other carriers, including the underlying carrier whose services Affordable resells.

In connection with this filing, Affordable submits the following information:

I. Description of Discontinuance

The Company

Affordable Phone Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 831372
Ocala, FL 34483

Affordable provides intrastate services in Alabama pursuant to authority granted by the Commission.¹ Because Affordable may continue to provide telecommunications services in Alabama with a reformulated offering, the Company does not wish to surrender its authorization at this time.

Date of Proposed Discontinuance

Subject to receipt of necessary regulatory approvals, the Company plans to discontinue the affected services on December 31, 2012. *All customers will have received notice at least 65 days in advance of this shut-off date.*

Services to be Discontinued & Affected Customers in Alabama

Affordable proposes to discontinue prepaid local exchange and interexchange service currently provided to customers using AT&T as the underlying carrier. At this time, Affordable delivers these services to approximately 1,426 customers in Alabama.

Date and Method of Customer Notice

On October 9, 2012, Affordable sent written notice by first-class mail to affected customers, informing them that the Company will cease providing the prepaid local exchange and long distances services that they currently receive, effective December 31, 2012. The notice clearly underscores that customers must make arrangements with another carrier to avoid loss of service and provides a toll-free telephone number that customers may call to reach Affordable service representatives for assistance with this transition. A sample copy of this notice, which also complies with the requirements of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”), is appended as Exhibit A.²

¹ Affordable was originally granted local exchange authority by the Commission in Docket No. 29330 on October 8, 2004.

² Affordable has filed a Section 63.71 application with the FCC for approval to discontinue the domestic interstate services provided as part of these service offerings. A copy of that filing has been served on the Commission. As noted, Affordable does not provide international services.

II. Contacts for this Notice

Questions and correspondence regarding this Notice should be addressed to:

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with copies to:

Tina C. Allen
Senior Compliance Manager
Telecom Service Bureau, Inc
4352 SE 95th Street
Ocala, FL 34480
Fax: 352-233-2724

III. Circumstances of Discontinuance

As discussed above, Affordable has determined that market conditions make unfeasible its continued provision of prepaid intrastate services using AT&T as the underlying carrier. Consequently, the Company proposes to discontinue these service offerings at this time. Following implementation of this decision, Affordable will reassess its best alternatives for continued operations in the intrastate and interstate telecommunications markets. Because the Company anticipates that it may continue to provide regulated intrastate services in Alabama, Affordable does not wish to surrender its telecommunications authorization at this time.

IV. Public Interest Considerations

Affordable's proposed discontinuance is consistent with the public interest. The services offered by Affordable are available from other providers in the Alabama market. Consequently, Affordable's customers will not be unduly harmed as they will be able to transition to new providers. Consistent with Commission and FCC requirements, Affordable's customers have been given sufficient advance notice of the need to select a new provider such that they will be

able to do so in a thoughtful and informed manner. Company representatives will be available throughout the transition period to assist customers with this process.

V. Summary

Subject to any required regulatory approvals, Affordable expects to implement the proposed discontinuance on December 31, 2012. Should the Commission have any questions regarding this filing, please contact the undersigned counsel for Affordable.

Respectfully submitted,



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Counsel for Affordable Phone Services, Inc.

Exhibit A

Sample Customer Discontinuance Notice



Customer Name
Address Line 1
Address Line 2

October , 2012

**Notice of Discontinuance of Your Telephone Service
by Affordable Phone Services, Inc.**

Dear Customer:

Affordable Phone Services, Inc. ("Affordable") regrets to inform you that it is preparing to cease providing prepaid local and long distance service to customers in a significant part of its service area.¹ **In order to avoid a disruption in telephone service, you must make arrangements for service with a new telephone company before the cut-off date noted below.** The names and telephone numbers of local telephone service companies, which also typically provide long distance service, are listed in your telephone directory. Customer service representatives at these companies will help you to select services to most effectively replace your current Affordable service. If you arrange for new service before your Affordable service is terminated and wish to keep your current telephone number(s), please be sure to address this with your new service provider.

Subject to regulatory approvals, your service cut-off date is December 31, 2012. If you do not arrange to have your telephone service provided by a new telephone company prior to December 31, 2012, you may lose telephone service (which means that you will be unable to make local calls including 911) and you may not be able to keep your current telephone number(s) with the new service provider. Effective with this notice, Affordable will no longer make any changes to or reconnect existing service and will not accept orders for new service.

¹ This discontinuance affects customers for Affordable's prepaid wireline local and long distance service in those parts of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee where AT&T is the incumbent local exchange carrier.

The Federal Communications Commission requires us to provide you with the following notice in connection with its review of the proposed discontinuance:

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. 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 § 63.71 Application of Affordable Phone Services, Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

We thank you for being an Affordable customer and wish you well with your new provider. Should you have any questions, please contact Affordable at 877-369-0999.

Sincerely,

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October 25, 2012

Ms. Ann Cole
Commission Clerk
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electronically filed

Re: Notification of Affordable Phone Services, Inc.'s Intent to Discontinue Services

Dear Ms. Cole,

Affordable Phone Services, Inc. ("Affordable" or the "Company"), through the undersigned counsel, hereby notifies the Commission that it intends to discontinue the provision of resold prepaid local exchange and interexchange services to customers within the State of Florida. In response to changing market conditions, Affordable has determined that it is no longer feasible to offer these service packages. The proposed discontinuance will not result in harm to the affected customers because they are being provided ample advance notice of the discontinuance and equivalent service offerings are available from other carriers, including the underlying carrier whose services Affordable resells.

In connection with this filing, Affordable submits the following information:

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The Company

Affordable Phone Services, Inc.
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Ocala, FL 34483

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Date of Proposed Discontinuance

Subject to receipt of necessary regulatory approvals, the Company plans to discontinue the affected services on December 31, 2012. *All customers will have received notice at least 65 days in advance of this shut-off date.*

Services to be Discontinued & Affected Customers in Florida

Affordable proposes to discontinue prepaid local exchange and interexchange service currently provided to customers using AT&T as the underlying carrier. At this time, Affordable delivers these services to approximately 297 customers in Florida.

Date and Method of Customer Notice

On October 9, 2012, Affordable sent written notice by first-class mail to affected customers, informing them that the Company will cease providing the prepaid local exchange and long distances services that they currently receive, effective December 31, 2012. The notice clearly underscores that customers must make arrangements with another carrier to avoid loss of service and provides a toll-free telephone number that customers may call to reach Affordable service representatives for assistance with this transition. A sample copy of this notice, which also complies with the requirements of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”), is appended as Exhibit A.²

¹ See Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 7489.

² Affordable has filed a Section 63.71 application with the FCC for approval to discontinue the domestic interstate services provided as part of these service offerings. A copy of that filing has been served on the Commission. As noted, Affordable does not provide international services.

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III. Circumstances of Discontinuance

As discussed above, Affordable has determined that market conditions make unfeasible its continued provision of prepaid intrastate services using AT&T as the underlying carrier. Consequently, the Company proposes to discontinue these service offerings at this time. Following implementation of this decision, Affordable will reassess its best alternatives for continued operations in the intrastate and interstate telecommunications markets. Because the Company anticipates that it may continue to provide regulated intrastate services in Florida, Affordable does not wish to surrender its telecommunications authorization at this time.

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Exhibit A

Sample Customer Discontinuance Notice



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Address Line 2

October , 2012

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Dear Customer:

Affordable Phone Services, Inc. ("Affordable") regrets to inform you that it is preparing to cease providing prepaid local and long distance service to customers in a significant part of its service area.¹ **In order to avoid a disruption in telephone service, you must make arrangements for service with a new telephone company before the cut-off date noted below.** The names and telephone numbers of local telephone service companies, which also typically provide long distance service, are listed in your telephone directory. Customer service representatives at these companies will help you to select services to most effectively replace your current Affordable service. If you arrange for new service before your Affordable service is terminated and wish to keep your current telephone number(s), please be sure to address this with your new service provider.

Subject to regulatory approvals, your service cut-off date is December 31, 2012. If you do not arrange to have your telephone service provided by a new telephone company prior to December 31, 2012, you may lose telephone service (which means that you will be unable to make local calls including 911) and you may not be able to keep your current telephone number(s) with the new service provider. Effective with this notice, Affordable will no longer make any changes to or reconnect existing service and will not accept orders for new service.

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Sincerely,

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PO Box 831327
Ocala, FL 34483

Brantl, Winafred R.

From: Filings@psc.state.fl.us
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 1:43 PM
To: Brantl, Winafred R.
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Re: Notification of Affordable Phone Services, Inc.'s Intent to Discontinue Services

Dear Mr. Derouen,

Affordable Phone Services, Inc. ("Affordable" or the "Company"), through the undersigned counsel, hereby notifies the Commission that it intends to discontinue the provision of resold prepaid local exchange and interexchange services to customers within the State of Kentucky. In response to changing market conditions, Affordable has determined that it is no longer feasible to offer these service packages. The proposed discontinuance will not result in harm to the affected customers because they are being provided ample advance notice of the discontinuance and equivalent service offerings are available from other carriers, including the underlying carrier whose services Affordable resells.

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Affordable provides intrastate services in Kentucky pursuant to its registration with the Commission.¹ Because Affordable may continue to provide telecommunications services in Kentucky with a reformulated offering, the Company does not wish to surrender its authorization at this time.

Date of Proposed Discontinuance

Subject to receipt of necessary regulatory approvals, the Company plans to discontinue the affected services on December 31, 2012. *All customers will have received notice at least 65 days in advance of this shut-off date.*

Services to be Discontinued & Affected Customers in Kentucky

Affordable proposes to discontinue prepaid local exchange and interexchange service currently provided to customers using AT&T as the underlying carrier. At this time, Affordable delivers these services to approximately 376 customers in Kentucky.

Date and Method of Customer Notice

On October 9, 2012, Affordable sent written notice by first-class mail to affected customers, informing them that the Company will cease providing the prepaid local exchange and long distances services that they currently receive, effective December 31, 2012. The notice clearly underscores that customers must make arrangements with another carrier to avoid loss of service and provides a toll-free telephone number that customers may call to reach Affordable service representatives for assistance with this transition. A sample copy of this notice, which also complies with the requirements of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”), is appended as Exhibit A.²

¹ Utility ID 5053600.

² Affordable has filed a Section 63.71 application with the FCC for approval to discontinue the domestic interstate services provided as part of these service offerings. A copy of that filing has been served on the Commission. As noted, Affordable does not provide international services.

II. Contacts for this Notice

Questions and correspondence regarding this Notice should be addressed to:

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(202) 342-8451 (fax)
wbrantl@kelleydrye.com

with copies to:

Tina C. Allen
Senior Compliance Manager
Telecom Service Bureau, Inc
4352 SE 95th Street
Ocala, FL 34480
Fax: 352-233-2724

III. Circumstances of Discontinuance

As discussed above, Affordable has determined that market conditions make unfeasible its continued provision of prepaid intrastate services using AT&T as the underlying carrier. Consequently, the Company proposes to discontinue these service offerings at this time. Following implementation of this decision, Affordable will reassess its best alternatives for continued operations in the intrastate and interstate telecommunications markets. Because the Company anticipates that it may continue to provide regulated intrastate services in Kentucky, Affordable does not wish to surrender its telecommunications authorization at this time.

IV. Public Interest Considerations

Affordable's proposed discontinuance is consistent with the public interest. The services offered by Affordable are available from other providers in the Kentucky market. Consequently, Affordable's customers will not be unduly harmed as they will be able to transition to new providers. Consistent with Commission and FCC requirements, Affordable's customers have been given sufficient advance notice of the need to select a new provider such that they will be

able to do so in a thoughtful and informed manner. Company representatives will be available throughout the transition period to assist customers with this process.

V. Summary

Subject to any required regulatory approvals, Affordable expects to implement the proposed discontinuance on December 31, 2012. Should the Commission have any questions regarding this filing, please contact the undersigned counsel for Affordable.

Respectfully submitted,



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Counsel for Affordable Phone Services, Inc.

Exhibit A

Sample Customer Discontinuance Notice



Customer Name
Address Line 1
Address Line 2

October , 2012

Notice of Discontinuance of Your Telephone Service by Affordable Phone Services, Inc.

Dear Customer:

Affordable Phone Services, Inc. ("Affordable") regrets to inform you that it is preparing to cease providing prepaid local and long distance service to customers in a significant part of its service area.¹ **In order to avoid a disruption in telephone service, you must make arrangements for service with a new telephone company before the cut-off date noted below.** The names and telephone numbers of local telephone service companies, which also typically provide long distance service, are listed in your telephone directory. Customer service representatives at these companies will help you to select services to most effectively replace your current Affordable service. If you arrange for new service before your Affordable service is terminated and wish to keep your current telephone number(s), please be sure to address this with your new service provider.

Subject to regulatory approvals, your service cut-off date is December 31, 2012. If you do not arrange to have your telephone service provided by a new telephone company prior to December 31, 2012, you may lose telephone service (which means that you will be unable to make local calls including 911) and you may not be able to keep your current telephone number(s) with the new service provider. Effective with this notice, Affordable will no longer make any changes to or reconnect existing service and will not accept orders for new service.

¹ This discontinuance affects customers for Affordable's prepaid wireline local and long distance service in those parts of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee where AT&T is the incumbent local exchange carrier.

The Federal Communications Commission requires us to provide you with the following notice in connection with its review of the proposed discontinuance:

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. 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 § 63.71 Application of Affordable Phone Services, Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

We thank you for being an Affordable customer and wish you well with your new provider. Should you have any questions, please contact Affordable at 877-369-0999.

Sincerely,

Affordable Phone Services, Inc.
PO Box 831327
Ocala, FL 34483

BEFORE THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

UTILITIES COMMISSION

P-1272, SUB 2

In the Matter of the Petition of)
Affordable Phone Services, Inc.)
For Approval of Proposed)
Service Discontinuance)
)

FILED
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Clerk's Office
N.C. Utilities Commission

PETITION

Affordable Phone Services, Inc. (“Affordable” or the “Company”), by counsel, and pursuant to *Commission Rule R21-2*, respectfully requests that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”) approve the Company’s proposed discontinuance of services as described herein. Affordable proposes to discontinue the provision of certain prepaid local exchange and interexchange services to residential customers within the State of North Carolina.¹ Concisely, in response to changing market conditions, Affordable has determined that it is not feasible at the present time to continue to offer these service packages. The proposed discontinuance will not result in harm to the affected customers, because they are being provided ample advance notice of the discontinuance and equivalent service offerings are available from other carriers, including the underlying carrier whose services Affordable resells.

In connection with this filing, Affordable submits the following information:

¹ Affordable has not entered into an agreement to transfer these customers to another carrier and consequently no migration plan is included in this filing. To ease its customers transition to new providers, Affordable is providing significant advance notice and will make its customer service representatives available to assist individual customers who may have questions regarding the process.

I. Description of Discontinuance

The Company

Affordable Phone Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 831372
Ocala, FL 34483

Affordable provides intrastate services in North Carolina pursuant to authority granted by the Commission.² Because Affordable may continue to provide telecommunications services with a reformulated offering, the Company does not wish to surrender its authorization at this time.

Date of Proposed Discontinuance

Subject to receipt of necessary regulatory approvals, the Company plans to discontinue the affected services on December 31, 2012. *All customers will have received at least 75 days' advance notice in order to make other arrangements.*

Services to be Discontinued & Affected Customers in North Carolina

Affordable proposes to discontinue prepaid local exchange and interexchange services currently provided to customers using AT&T as the underlying carrier. At this time, Affordable delivers these services to approximately 2,286 customers in North Carolina.

Date and Method of Customer Notice

On October 9, 2012, Affordable sent written notice by first-class mail to affected customers, informing them that the Company will cease providing the prepaid local exchange and long distances services that they currently receive,

² See, P-1272, sub 0 (granting intrastate authority to the Company under its original name, High Tech Communications of Central Florida, Inc.).

effective December 31, 2012. The notice clearly underscores that customers must make arrangements with another carrier to avoid loss of service and provides a toll-free telephone number that customers may call to reach Affordable service representatives for assistance with this transition. (The Company's toll-free customer service number is posted on the Affordable website as well.) A sample copy of this notice, which also complies with the requirements of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), is appended as Exhibit A.³

Compliance with Commission Rules

Within seven days of Commission approval of this Petition, the Company will comply with the requirements of Commission Rules R21-2(f) and (g). Specifically, the Company will post on its website information designed to assist customers and other carriers with the transition. Further, the Company will file with the Commission a spreadsheet containing the customer information specified in Rule R21-2(g).

II. Contacts for this Petition

Questions and correspondence regarding this Petition should be addressed to:

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Fax: 919-828-6592
rmcdonald@bdixon.com

³ Affordable has filed a Section 63.71 application with the FCC for approval to discontinue the domestic interstate services provided as part of these service offerings. A copy of that filing is being served on the Commission. As noted, Affordable does not provide international services.

with copies to:

Tina C. Allen
Senior Compliance Manager
Telecom Service Bureau, Inc
4352 SE 95th Street
Ocala, FL 34480
Fax: 352-233-2724

III. Circumstances of Discontinuance

As discussed above, Affordable has determined that market conditions make unfeasible its current provision of prepaid intrastate services using AT&T as the underlying carrier. Consequently, the Company proposes to discontinue these service offerings at this time. Following implementation of this decision, Affordable will reassess its best alternatives for continued operations in the intrastate and interstate telecommunications markets. Because the Company anticipates that it may continue to provide regulated intrastate services in North Carolina, Affordable does not wish to surrender its telecommunications authorization at this time.

IV. Public Interest Considerations

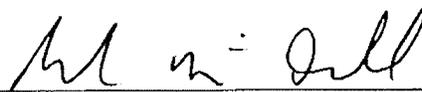
Commission approval of this plan will serve the public interest. The services offered by Affordable are available from other providers in the North Carolina market. Consequently, Affordable's customers will not be unduly harmed as they will be able to transition to new providers. Consistent with North Carolina and FCC requirements, Affordable's customers have been given sufficient advance notice of the need to select a new provider such that they will be able to do so in a thoughtful and informed manner. Company representatives will be available throughout the transition period to assist customers with this process.

V. Summary

Subject to any required regulatory approvals, Affordable expects to implement the proposed discontinuance on December 31, 2012. The Company respectfully requests that the Commission grant this petition for approval to proceed with the proposed discontinuance of service.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of October, 2012

AFFORDABLE PHONE SERVICES, INC.



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VERIFICATION

I, Joel E. Leonard, state that I am Director of Affordable Phone Services, Inc. ("Affordable"), and am authorized to represent Affordable, and to make this verification on its behalf. The statements in the foregoing document relating to Affordable, except as otherwise specifically attributed, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

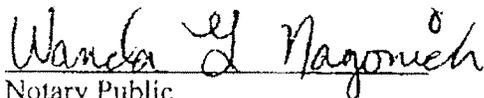
I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



Name: Joel E. Leonard

Title: Director

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of October 2012



Notary Public

My Commission expires: 08-01-2016

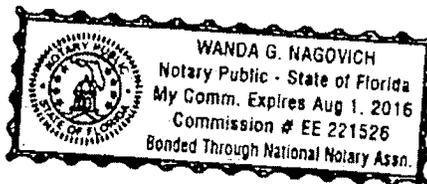


Exhibit A

Sample Customer Discontinuance Notice



Customer Name
Address Line 1
Address Line 2

October , 2012

Notice of Discontinuance of Your Telephone Service by Affordable Phone Services, Inc.

Dear Customer:

Affordable Phone Services, Inc. ("Affordable") regrets to inform you that it is preparing to cease providing prepaid local and long distance service to customers in a significant part of its service area.¹ **In order to avoid a disruption in telephone service, you must make arrangements for service with a new telephone company before the cut-off date noted below.** The names and telephone numbers of local telephone service companies, which also typically provide long distance service, are listed in your telephone directory. Customer service representatives at these companies will help you to select services to most effectively replace your current Affordable service. If you arrange for new service before your Affordable service is terminated and wish to keep your current telephone number(s), please be sure to address this with your new service provider.

Subject to regulatory approvals, your service cut-off date is December 31, 2012. If you do not arrange to have your telephone service provided by a new telephone company prior to **December 31, 2012**, you may lose telephone service (which means that you will be unable to make local calls including 911) and you may not be able to keep your current telephone number(s) with the new service provider. Effective with this notice, Affordable will no longer make any changes to or reconnect existing service and will not accept orders for new service.

¹ This discontinuance affects customers for Affordable's prepaid wireline local and long distance service in those parts of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee where AT&T is the incumbent local exchange carrier.

The Federal Communications Commission requires us to provide you with the following notice in connection with its review of the proposed discontinuance:

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. 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 § 63.71 Application of Affordable Phone Services, Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

We thank you for being an Affordable customer and wish you well with your new provider. Should you have any questions, please contact Affordable at 877-369-0999.

Sincerely,

Affordable Phone Services, Inc.
PO Box 831327
Ocala, FL 34483

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

(Caption of Case))

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COVER SHEET

DOCKET/NDI
NUMBER: _____ - _____ - _____

(Please type or print)

Submitted by: John Pringle

SC Bar Number: 11208

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Telephone: 343-1270

Columbia SC 29202

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Other: _____

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NOTE: The cover sheet and information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law. This form is required for use by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina for the purpose of docketing and must be filled out completely.

DOCKETING INFORMATION (Check all that apply)

Emergency Relief demanded in petition

Request for item to be placed on Commission's Agenda expeditiously

Other: _____

INDUSTRY (Check one)	NATURE OF ACTION (Check all that apply)			
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Affordable provides wireline intrastate services in South Carolina pursuant to authority granted by the Commission.¹ *Because Affordable may continue to provide telecommunications services in South Carolina with a reformulated offering, the Company does not wish to surrender its authorization at this time.*

Date of Proposed Discontinuance

Subject to receipt of necessary regulatory approvals, the Company plans to discontinue the affected services on December 31, 2012. *All customers will have received notice at least 65 days in advance of this shut-off date.*

Services to be Discontinued & Affected Customers in South Carolina

Affordable proposes to discontinue prepaid wireline local exchange and interexchange service currently provided to customers using AT&T as the underlying carrier. At this time, Affordable delivers these services to approximately 910 customers in South Carolina.

Date and Method of Customer Notice

On October 9, 2012, Affordable sent written notice by first-class mail to affected customers, informing them that the Company will cease providing the prepaid local exchange and long distances services that they currently receive, effective December 31, 2012. The notice clearly underscores that customers must make arrangements with another carrier to avoid loss of service and provides a toll-free telephone number that customers may call to reach Affordable service representatives for assistance with this transition. A sample copy of this notice, which

¹ See Docket No. 2004-146-C (Order No. 2004-497, issued October 13, 2004).

also complies with the requirements of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”), is appended as Exhibit A.²

II. Contacts for this Application

Questions and correspondence regarding this Application should be addressed to:

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Commission approval of this plan will serve the public interest. The services offered by Affordable are available from other providers in the South Carolina market. Consequently, Affordable's customers will not be unduly harmed as they will be able to transition to new providers. Consistent with Commission and FCC requirements, Affordable's customers have been given sufficient advance notice of the need to select a new provider such that they will be able to do so in a thoughtful and informed manner. Company representatives will be available throughout the transition period to assist customers with this process.

IV. Summary

Subject to required regulatory approvals, Affordable expects to implement the proposed discontinuance on December 31, 2012. The Company respectfully requests that the Commission grant this application for approval to proceed with the proposed discontinuance of service, and grant such other relief as is just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of October, 2012.

s/John J. Pringle, Jr.

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COUNSEL FOR AFFORDABLE PHONE
SERVICES, INC.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing has been served by electronic mail service on the following this 22nd day of October, 2012:

C. Lessie Hammonds, Esquire
S.C. Office of Regulatory Staff
PO Box 11263
Columbia SC 29211
lhammon@regstaff.sc.gov

s/ John J. Pringle, Jr.
John J. Pringle, Jr.

Exhibit A

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Customer Name
Address Line 1
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October , 2012

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