

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

July 17, 2017

IN RE:

**APPLICATION OF BUDGET PHONE, INC.
FOR CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY TO PROVIDE FACILITIES BASED
LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE IN TENNESSEE**

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DOCKET NO.

02-00885

Company ID:

128326

**ORDER GRANTING CANCELLATION OF AUTHORITY
TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

This matter came before Commissioner Herbert H. Hilliard, Commissioner Kenneth C. Hill and Commissioner Keith Jordan of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (the "Commission"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Commission Conference held on July 10, 2017. An Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") to provide competing facilities-based local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services in Tennessee was filed by Budget Phone, Inc. ("Budget Phone") on August 22, 2002.¹ During a Hearing held on October 17, 2002, the Hearing Officer found that Budget Phone had met all the requirements for certification and approved the Application. A name change to Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone ("Budget PrePay" or the "Company") was approved by the Commission on November 6, 2006 in Docket No. 06-00231. On May 17, 2017, the Commission received a request from the Company to cancel its CCN, effective June 30, 2017. Budget PrePay stated that it has no subscribers in Tennessee. Based upon careful consideration of the entire record in this matter, the Commissioners voted unanimously to grant the Company's request to cancel its CCN.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Commissioner Herbert H. Hilliard, Commissioner Kenneth C. Hill and Commissioner Keith Jordan concur.

ATTEST:



Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director

¹ Budget Phone had previously been granted authority to provide operator services and/or resell telecommunications services in Tennessee on September 14, 1999, in Docket No. 99-00212.