

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
BUDGET PREPAY, INC. DBA BUDGET) **CASE NO. BPP-T-07-01**
PHONE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC)
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO)
PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE AND) **ORDER NO. 30534**
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES)
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On November 14, 2007, Budget PrePay, Inc. dba Budget Phone (“Budget”) filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange telecommunications services in the State of Idaho pursuant to Commission Order No. 26665. *Idaho Code* §§ 62-604 and 62-615; Order No. 26665; IDAPA 31.01.01.111. Subsequently, the Commission set apart February 25, 2008 as the deadline for comments regarding Budget’s Application. *See* Order No. 30496. Commission Staff was the only party to submit comments regarding Budget’s Application.

THE APPLICATION

Budget is a Louisiana corporation and lists its principal place of business as Bossier City, Louisiana. *Application* at 1. The Company is registered with the Idaho Secretary of State as a limited liability company and lists TCS Corporate Services, 5527 Kendall Street, Boise, Idaho 83706, as its Idaho registered agent for service. *Id.* at 2.

Budget states that the Company “is in good standing under the laws of the state of Louisiana” and that it is “authorized to do business as a foreign [Company] in the state of Idaho.” *Id.* “Applicant initially proposes to provide resold local exchange services and to purchase unbundled network elements provided by . . . Qwest North, Qwest South and Verizon.” *Id.* at 4.

Budget does not currently own facilities or property in Idaho and “has no current plans to install facilities in Idaho . . .” *Id.* at 4. The Company states that it does not intend to service areas already serviced by LECs that qualify as small or rural local exchange carriers under Section 251 of the Federal Telecom Act of 1996. *Id.* at 4-5. The Company has also provided the Commission with the appropriate financial information; map of its proposed service territory in Idaho; and illustrative tariffs. *See id.* at 6, Exhibits 3-5.

STAFF COMMENTS

Staff reviewed Budget's Application and determined that the Company has complied with the requirements of Procedural Order No. 26665 and IDAPA 31.01.01.111 and 112 (Rules 111 and 112). Staff believes that the Company possesses the requisite financial, managerial, and technical qualifications necessary to operate effectively as a telecommunications provider within the State of Idaho. Staff noted that the Company provided audited financial statements for 2006 and 2007 and an illustrative tariff with its Application, demonstrating a fundamental understanding of the Commission's tariff requirements and procedures. Based upon its review, Staff recommended that the Commission approve Budget's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

COMMISSION FINDINGS

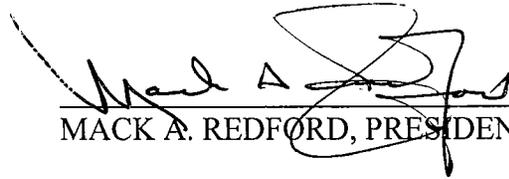
Based upon our review of the filing and the record in this case, the Commission finds that Budget's filing satisfies the requirements of the Commission's Rules and Procedural Order No. 26665. Thus, we approve Budget's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to allow the Company to provide telecommunications services within the State of Idaho.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of Budget PrePay, Inc. dba Budget Phone for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is granted to enable the Company to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange telecommunications services in the State of Idaho.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in the Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order with regard to any matter decided in this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. *See Idaho Code* § 61-626.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 17th
day of April 2008.


MACK A. REDFORD, PRESIDENT


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER


JIM D. KEMPTON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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