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Federal Communications Commission
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VIA COURIER

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

**RE: Section 63.19(a)(2) Notification
Budget Call Long Distance, Inc.
File No. ITC-214-19980520-00334**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Budget Call Long Distance, Inc. ("Budget Call") (FRN: 0003733078), by its attorney and pursuant to Section 63.19(a)(2) of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC's" or "Commission's") Rules, hereby submits this notice of discontinuance of international service. Budget Call currently provides international service pursuant to the Section 214 authority granted to its parent company, Global Crossing North America, Inc., in File No. ITC-214-19980520-00334.¹ Budget Call seeks to discontinue its provision of "dial-around" long distance calling services.

Budget Call is a commercial reseller that provides dial-around long-distance telephone services in 45 states. Budget Call is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Global Crossing North America, Inc. Budget Call is authorized by the Commission to provide both interstate and international telecommunications services.

As of September 30, 2010, Budget Call will discontinue its provision of interstate and international telecommunications services. The proposed discontinuance will not result in

¹ See International Authorizations Granted, *Public Notice*, Report No. TEL-01433, DA 10-1083 (rel. June 17, 2010).

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harm to customers. As a dial-around service provider, Budget Call does not enter into contracts with or have other ongoing commitments to provide service to the customers who use Budget Call's services. Rather, Budget Call's customers are presubscribed to another long distance carrier and "dial-around" their presubscribed carrier to reach Budget Call's long distance service on an as-needed basis to take advantage of Budget Call's long distance rates. All calls are billed through third-party billing services on the customer's local exchange carrier ("LEC") telephone bill. The discontinuance of Budget Call's dial-around service will not impact the ability of these customers to receive service from their existing LEC or presubscribed long distance carrier. Additionally, the dial-around services provided by many other carriers – e.g. Dial-Around Telecom, Inc., Telecom North America, Inc., and Total Call International, Inc., etc. – will still be available to customers.

Given the nature of Budget Call's business model as a dial-around service provider, Budget Call does not have customer contact lists or other information regarding its customers. Therefore, written notification by Budget Call to each affected customer is not possible. As such, pursuant to Section 63.19(a)(1) of the Commission's Rules, good cause exists for using an alternate form of notice to customers. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 63.19(a)(1).

As an alternative, Budget Call has recorded an automated audio message on its long-distance access code number to notify customers of the discontinuance of Budget Call's services. An automated recorded message should serve as sufficient notice under the Commission's Rules to inform customers of the discontinuance of Budget Call's service. In the related context of domestic discontinuances, *see* 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, the Commission has previously granted an application for discontinuance where an audio recording served as a form of notice when individual written notification was impossible given customer anonymity.² Budget Call will play the automated announcement for a period of 60 days before the discontinuation of service – from July 30, 2010 to September 30, 2010. Considering the nature of Budget Call's service, Budget Call's customers and the public are adequately protected by this form of notice.

The Applicant provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.19(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules:

² *See* AT&T Communications Application to Discontinue Interstate Sent-Paid Coin Service Granted, *Public Notice*, NSD File No. W-P-D-497, DA 01-2375, 16 FCC Rcd 18464, 18465, 18468 (Oct. 15, 2001) (granting AT&T's application for discontinuance and approving a transition plan that includes an "automated announcement" as a form of notice); *see also* AT&T Communications Application to Discontinue Interstate Sent-Paid Coin Service Not Automatically Granted, *Public Notice*, NSD File No. W-P-D-497, DA 01-1870, 16 FCC Rcd 14935 (Aug. 3, 2001) (AT&T alleged that it could not provide written notice to all its payphone customers under the Commission's Rules because of the nature of AT&T's payphone service and inherent anonymity of payphone customers).

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1. Geographic Areas of Planned Discontinuance: The Applicant proposes to discontinue service in all states where it is certificated: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

2. Reduction or Impairment of Service: The Applicant proposes to discontinue its provision of dial-around long-distance telephone services on September 30, 2010, or as soon thereafter as any necessary regulatory approvals are obtained.

3. Carrier Authorization: The Applicant is authorized under Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934 to operate as an international telecommunications carrier pursuant to the authority granted to its parent company, Global Crossing North America, Inc., in File No. ITC-214-19980520-00334.

In accordance with Section 63.19(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules, a copy of this Notice is being emailed to the Chief of the International Bureau, concurrently.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter please feel free to contact the undersigned. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Attorney for Budget Call Long Distance, Inc.

CC: Mindel De La Torre
Chief, International Bureau
Federal Communications Commission