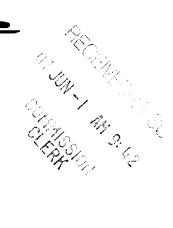
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May 29, 2007

Ann Cole Commission Clerk Office of Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re:

Docket No. 170178 -TX Petition for an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in Florida by Connect Paging

Gentleman or Madam:

Enclosed please find one original and 10 copies of complete sets of our answer to your staff request for additional information.

Should you have any additional questions or comments, please contact me at 972-253-3464 or by email at jhoward@palomagroup.com.

Best regards,

Joyce Howard

Regulatory Assistant

Connect Paging, Inc.,

d/b/a Get A Phone

Enclosures

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE:

Connect Paging, Inc., d/b/a Get A Phone - Petition)
for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications)
Carrier

Docket 070178-TX

ANSWER TO STAFF'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONNECT PAGING, INC., D/B/A GET A PHONE

TO: Florida Public Service Commission Staff

COMES NOW Connect Paging, Inc., d/b/a Get A Phone, ("GAP" or "Petitioner") pursuant to the authority vested in it by the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") pursuant to 47 C. F. R. 54.201(d) (1) the following interrogatories are answered under oath by GAP's designated representative.

- 1. Does Connect Paging provide Lifeline service in any other state? If so, please list the state and docket number for this certification. In addition, have any of these state utility commissions received any complaints concerning Connect Paging's Lifeline service in that state? If so, please describe.
 - a. GAP provides Lifeline service in Texas.
 - 1. The docket/ cause number for Certification is, 33524.
 - b. There have been no complaints concerning GAP's Lifeline service.
- 2. GAP is in the final stages of obtaining a UNE agreement with BellSouth/AT&T, lacking only the correction of a name change through the Secretary of State's office for finalization. GAP will provide a copy of the signed agreement upon completion and execution of the UNE interconnection agreement. A copy of an email from BellSouth is attached for your assurance and reference.
- 3. GAP plans to use the existing facilities of BellSouth/AT & T to provide service to Florida customers.
- 4. GAP has filed the required report and also filed a pleading that the forfeiture be discharged without penalty due to the fact that GAP did not receive the request for information due to a move of office and a change responsible office personnel. GAP prays for an affirmative response from the FCC based on their pleadings.
- 5. GAP did not file a five-year plan that describes network upgrades as GAP intends to utilize BellSouth's network and depends upon BellSouth to upgrade their network in accordance with 47 C.F.R. 54.202 (ii). Since GAP pays BellSouth a price for product to be resold that allows BellSouth to make a profit, GAP feels certain the Florida Public Service Commission will require that BellSouth will provide service that is sufficient to meet the requirements. This being the case, GAP's purchase of BellSouth's product should be adequate to meet the requirements of the rules. If not, GAP will be working with the Florida PSC to try to insure that BellSouth complies with the rules.

- 6. GAP is not seeking designation lifeline designation for tribal lands but only for Urban areas in Florida.
- 7. GAP utilizes various print media as well as personal sales staff in the areas where Lifeline and LinkUp services are marketed. Print media will include daily and weekly newsprint circulations and brochures placed in convenient locations for potential subscribers to see and acquire a brochure, such as Sr. Centers, neighborhood convenience stores. Mail delivery brochures are also utilized. GAP has a website detailing LifeLine and LinkUp services as well. A copy of the charges and a brochure is attached as Exhibit 1 and 2 for your convenience.
- 8. Yes, GAP is aware that all eligible telecommunications carriers in Florida must contribute \$3.50 per Lifeline customer.
- 9. GAP requires prepaid service to initiate service only. After initiation of service, subscriber services are partially prepaid and partially postpaid as is service provided by BellSouth. One hundred percent of subscribers are required to pay in advance for initiation of service but subsequent service is provided and paid in response to a bill generated by GAPs billing company. A late notice and courtesy phone call is provided prior to termination of service, if a subscriber does not pay billings timely.
- 10. GAPs average subscriber billing is \$41.00 for all subscribers. We are not yet marketing in Florida and do not anticipate having any difference in charges in Florida than is charged in other states.
- 11. GAPs long distance service is totally at the discretion of the subscriber. There will be no requirement for the subscriber to use GAPs long distance service in order to receive Lifeline service from GAP.
- 12. GAPs Lifeline service will be marketed in the most readily available free print media as well as through brochure mail outs and brochures placed in convenience stores, check cashing stores. GAP plans also to have their name added to available CLEC offerings in the various phone books and in any state authorized listing services.
- 13. GAP would plan to start marketing in Florida in approximately 90 days after ETC approval.
- 14. GAPs local usage plans for Lifeline are described Exhibit 1 attached for your information.
- 15. GAPs access to E 9-1-1 service and enhanced 9-1-1 is provided through BellSouth's network and thus will be as dependable and efficient as that provided by the Ilec.
- 16. GAPs subscribers do have access to competitive directory assistance providers as defined by 47 C. R. 54.101 (a) (5).
- 17. GAPs toll-limitation features are determined by the subscriber. If the subscriber desires toll limitations, GAP will provide that service.

- 18. GAP will not be requesting time for network upgrades as GAP will be reselling services through BellSouth's UNE interconnection agreement. However, if there is an area where BellSouth has requested time to accomplish network upgrades, GAP respectfully requests that GAP's service time in those areas to be upgraded by BellSouth be extended to conform to the time required by BellSouth to accomplish their upgrades.
- 19. GAP requests only the approval to market in urban areas and will not be equipped to serve as a carrier-of-last-resort, except in areas where network is provided by BellSouth. Thus GAP can only serve in this capacity, pursuant to Florida Statues title XXVII, Chapter 364.025 (2) is BellSouth or another ILEC that will provide network access in those instances.
- 20. GAP would sign an affidavit based on the conditions precedent as described in answer 19 hereinabove.
- 21. GAP understands the need for audit of USF funds and the possibility of annual review and will maintain records sufficient for those purposes.
- 22. The only complaint that GAP is aware of at the FCC is the failure to file a report as required due to the fact that the request did not reach a responsible person at GAP due to the fact that it was delivered during an office move and the person accepting delivery apparently misplaced the document.
- 23. GAP is current with FCC in regards to regulatory fees, to the best of our knowledge, except the appeal of the \$4,000 failure to respond forfeiture fee which has been appealed. It GAPs appeal is not successful, the fee will be paid.
- 24. GAP is current with USF contributions.
- 25. The officers of the company do not have any association with any other communications company and are as follows:

Byron T. Young

Brian Young

President & CEO

Vice President, Treasurer

Submitted by:

Joyce Howard

Regulatory Assistant

Get A Phone

CC: Division of Competitive Market & Enforcement (Mailhot, Moses, Casey, Mann)
Office of General Counsel (Wiggins, Tan)

Exhibit 1

Lifeline/Link-Up Programs * Ld**

Lifeline Plain

No features

Price*

\$12.99

(Price is net of discount)

* Monthly Price

Includes USAC ID

Lifeline Plus Caller ID

Price*

\$16.49

(Price is net of discount)

* Monthly Price

Includes USAC ID

Lifeline Premium (US3)

Price*

\$19.99

includes 3 features selected by subscriber: Includes Select 3 ID

Call Waiting ID Call Waiting Caller ID Includes USAC ID

^{*} Installation fee is not charged

^{**} Long distance is at the discretion of the subscriber who may choose any long distance provider or choose to purchase long distance through GAP and purchase in "packages" of \$5.00, \$10.00 or upwards per month. If the subscriber needs more LD than specified, additional LD can be previded by calling GAPs customer service center and ordering additional long distance service.

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LIFELINE customers must meet one of the following requirements:

- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families / AFDC (TANF)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

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- Estampillas de comida
- Assistencia Temporal para Familia Necesitadas / AFDC (TANF)
- Seguridad Social Suplemental (SSI)
- Ayuda Publica Federal, O seccion 8
- Programa casero de ayuda de la energia de bajos recursos (LIHEAP)
- Ingresos en o debajo de 135% de las pautas federales de la pobreza

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Customer Sign Up Form and LIFELINE Self Certification Form.

LIFELINE CUSTOMERS: Please fax to 1-866-351-0765 or mail to 112 F. Seminary Dr. Ste. B. Fort Worth, Texas 76115

Name	Nombre
Address	Domicilio
City, State, Zip	Ciudad, Estado, Codigo Postal
Contact Phone Number	Numero De Contacto
Plan Number	Que Paquete Quiere
I hereby certify that I participate in the following public assistance program(s):	Yo certifico por este medio que participo en un o mas de los programas de ayuda publica:
(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)	(MARQUE TODO EL QUE APLIQUE)
Medicaid Food Stamps Temporary Assistance to Needy Families/ AFDC (TANF) Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines	 Medicaid Estampillas de comida Assistencia Temporal para Familia Necesitadas / AFDC (TANF) Seguridad Social Suplemental (SSI) Ayuda Publica Federal, O seccion 8 Programa casero de ayuda de la energia de bajos recursos (LIHEAP) Ingresos en o debajo de 135% de las pautas federales de la pobreza
I certify, under penalty of perjury that I am a current recipient of the above program(s) and will notify my local telephone company when I am no longer participating in at least one of the above-designated program(s). I authorize my telephone company or its duly appointed representative to access any records to verify these statements to confirm my continued participation in the above program(s). I authorize representatives of the above program(s) to discuss with and/or provide copies to my telephone company, if requested by the company, to verify my participation in the above program(s) and my eligibility for this program.	Yo certifico bajo pena y perjurio que soy un recipiente actual de uno mas de los programas antedichos y notificare a mi compania de telefono actual cuando ya no participe en por lo menos uno de los programas senalados arriba. Autorizo a mi compania local o sus representantes debidos asignados a tener acceso a cual quier record requerido para verificar estas declaraciones para confirmar mi participacion continue en los programa antedichos. Autorizo a los representates de los programa antedichos para discutir con y/o para propocionar copias a mi compania de telefono local, si pedido por la compania, para verificar mi participacion en los programa ante dicho y mi eligibilidad para este programa.
Customer Name	Nombre de Cliente
Signature	Firma