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RE: Petition for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier/provider  
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as a petition to the Commission for designation of Connect Paging, Inc., d/b/a Get A Phone to be approved as an eligible telecommunications carrier/provider (ETC/ETP) in the State of Florida.

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are the original and seven copies of the supporting documentation of this petition. Connect Paging, Inc. has met the requirements for ETC/ETP designation. Granting this request will serve the public good by allowing Connect Paging, Inc. to serve low-income subscribers with high quality service and customer service.

Please date and time stamp the extra copy as proof of filing and return it in the enclosed self addressed and stamped envelope. Should there be any questions or comments about this application, please do not hesitate to contact me at Connect Paging, Inc., % 1401 Colony Drive, Irving, Texas 75061, or by email at the address shown above. My telephone number is 972-253-3464.

Sincerely,



Joyce Howard  
Regulatory Assistant  
Connect Paging, Inc.

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Before the  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition of )  
Connect Paging, Inc., )  
d/b/a Get A Phone )  
For Designation as an Eligible )  
Telecommunications Carrier )

Docket No. 070178-TX

PETITION FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE ETC/ETP  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER PROVIDER IN THE STATE OF  
FLORIDA (NO RURAL REDEFINITION REQUESTED)

Connect Paging, Inc., d/b/a Get A Phone ("Get A Phone" or the "Company"), pursuant to Section 214(e) (2) of the Communications Act of 1934 as amended (the "Act" and Sections 54.101 through 54.207 of the Rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), hereby petitions the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC")/ Eligible Telecommunications Provider ETP (hereinafter "ETC") in certain BellSouth, Sprint and Verizon exchanges as described herein ("Designated Area") for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support. As demonstrated below, Get A Phone satisfies all of the statutory and regulatory requirements for designation as an ETC in the Designated Area. Furthermore, designation of Get A Phone in the Designated Area will serve the public interest. Accordingly, Get A Phone respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Petition.

47 U.S.C. § 214(eX2).

47 C.F.R. §§ 54.101-54.207.

## I. Background

- I. Get A Phone is a Texas corporation and is authorized to conduct business as a foreign corporation in the State of Florida. Copies of the Company's Articles of Incorporation and authority to transact business in the State of Florida are on file with the Commission and incorporated herein by reference. The Company has been certified by the Commission as a Competitive Local Exchange Company ("CLEC") in Florida (Docket No. 040224-TX, Order No. PSC-04-0480-PAA-TX, Issued May 11, 2004).

The principal office of the Company is located at 112 E. Seminary Drive, Suite B, Ft. Worth, TX 76115.

The Company provides local exchange and exchange access services in the BellSouth, Sprint, and Verizon exchanges using a combination of unbundled network elements ("UNEs") provided by these companies that allows end-to-end switching delivery of calls.

2. As set forth in Section 214(e) (2) of the Act, the Commission "shall upon its own motion or upon request designate a common carrier that meets the requirements of [Section 214(e)(I)] as an eligible telecommunications carrier for a service area designated by the State commission...) Upon designation as an ETC. the carrier shall be eligible to receive universal support in accordance with Section 254 of the Act.

Get A Phone was incorporated in the State of Texas on September 2, 1997  
Florida PSC Docket No. 040224-TX, Order No. PSC-04-0480-PAA-TX, Issued May 11, 2004  
47 U.S.C. § 214(eX2); see 47 C.F.R § 54201(b) (FCC Rules citing the Act's requirements).

3. The requirements for designation as an ETC set forth in Section 214(e) (I) are that the carrier must:

- A) offer the services that are supported by Federal universal support mechanisms under section 254(c). either using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier's services (including the services offered by another eligible telecommunications carrier) and
- (B) advertise the availability of such services and the charges therefore using the media of general distribution.

**II. Get A Phone Satisfies the Requirements for Designation as an ETC to Serve the Designated Area**

4. Get A Phone is a common carrier as that term is defined in the Act. The Company provides competitive services in accordance with its Tariff that was filed with the Florida Public Service Commission.

U.S.c. § 214(e)(1)

*See 47 V.s.c. § 153(10) (... the term 'common Carrier' or 'carrier' means any person engaged as a common carrier for hire, in interstate or foreign communication by wire or radio or in interstate or foreign radio transmission of energy. . .)*

The Company also has been certified by the Commission to resell Interexchange direct dialed telecommunications services throughout the State of Florida (DOCKET NO. 040224-TX ORDER NO. PSC-04-0480-PAA-TX ISSUED: May 11, 2004)

Get A Phone hereby refers to this Docket for copies of corporate and other supporting information.

5. Get A Phone offers all of the supported services enumerated under Section 254(c) using facilities obtained as UNEs from BellSouth, Sprint and Verizon. According to FCC Rules, facilities obtained as UNEs satisfy the requirement that an ETC/ETP provide the supported services using either its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier's services. Accordingly, the Company satisfies the requirement set forth in Section 214 (e) (1) (A).

6. The services that are supported by Federal universal support mechanisms under section 254(c) are enumerated in the roles of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") at 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a) (1)-(9). These services are:

- a) Voice grade access to the public switched network.

"Voice grade access" is defined as a functionality that enables a user of telecommunications services to transmit voice communications, including signaling the network that the caller wishes to place a call, and to receive voice communications, including receiving a signal indicating there is an incoming call. For the purposes of this part, bandwidth for voice grade access should be, at a minimum, 300 to 3,000 Hertz;

- b) Local usage. "Local usage" means an amount of minutes of use of exchange service, prescribed by the FCC, provided free of charge to end users;

- c) Dual tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent.

"Dual tone multi-frequency" (DTMF) is a method of signaling that facilitates the transportation of signaling through the network, shortening call set-up time;

Section 54.201(f) of the FCC's Rules states, "for the purposes of this section, the term 'own facilities' includes, but is not limited to, facilities obtained as unbundled network elements pursuant to Part 51 Of this chapter, provided that such facilities meet the definition of the term 'facilities' under this subpart." 47 C.F.R. § 54.201(f). The term "facilities" under Section 54.201 is defined as " any physical components of the telecommunications network that are used in the transmission or routing of the services that are designated for support pursuant to Subpart B of this part." 47 C.F.R. § 54.201(e). Get A Phone's use of BellSouth, Sprint's and Verizon's UNEs meets this definition of "facilities."

d) Single-party service or its functional equivalent.

"Single-party service" is telecommunications service that permits users to have exclusive use of a "wireline subscriber loop or access line for each call placed, or, in the case of wireless telecommunications carriers, "which use spectrum shared among users to provide service, a dedicated message path for the length of a user's particular transmission;

e) Access to emergency services.

"Access to emergency services" includes access to services, such as 911 and enhanced 911, provided by local governments or other public safety organizations. 911 is defined as a service that permits a telecommunications user, by dialing the three-digit code "911," to reach emergency services through a Public Service Access Point (PSAP) operated by the local government. "Enhanced 911" is defined as 911 service that includes the ability to provide automatic numbering information (ANI), which enables the PSAP to call back if the call is disconnected, and automatic location information (ALI), which permits emergency service providers to identify the geographic location of the calling party. "Access to emergency services" includes access to 911 and enhanced 911 services to the extent the local government in an eligible carrier's service area has implemented 911 or enhanced 911 systems;

f) Access to operator services.

"Access to operator services" is defined as access to any

automatic or live assistance to a consumer to arrange for billing or completion, or both, of a telephone call;

g) Access to Interexchange service.

"Access to Interexchange service" is defined as the use of the loop, as well as that portion of the switch that is paid for by the end user, or the functional equivalent of these network elements in the case of a wireless carrier, necessary to access an Interexchange carrier's network;

h) Access to directory assistance.

"Access to directory assistance" is defined as access to a service that includes, but is not limited to, making available to customers, upon request, information contained in directory listings; and

i) Toll limitation for qualifying low income consumers.

7. Upon designation as an ETC. Get A Phone will participate in, and offer, LifeLine and Link-Up programs to qualify low-income consumers and publicize the availability of LifeLine and Link-Up services in a manner reasonably designed to reach those likely to qualify for those services, as required by FCC Rules. Get A Phone's proposed Lifeline and Linkup tariff will be filed with the Commission upon approval of the Company's ETC request.

8. Get A Phone will advertise the availability of the above-referenced

services and the charges for those services in the Designated Area using media of general distribution, as required by FCC Rules.

9. Get A Phone has previously provided the Commission with evidence of its financial capabilities to provide the supported services in the context of its application to become certified as a CLEC in Florida.

10. Get A Phone has previously provided the Commission with evidence of its managerial and technical capabilities to provide the supported services in the context of its application to become certified as a CLEC.

11. Attached as Exhibit "A" to this Petition and incorporated herein by reference is the testimony of Byron Young, President of Get A Phone certifying that the Company satisfies all of the requirements for designation as an ETC to serve the Designated Area.

### **III. Area for Which ETC Designation is Requested**

12. Get A Phone has served and will continue to serve the exchanges where it leases UNEs or resells the services of the non-rural telephone companies, BellSouth, Sprint and Verizon in the state of Florida. Get A Phone does not seek designation as an ETC in any areas served by rural telephone companies Pursuant to the Order in Docket No. 040224-TX, the Company does not provide local exchange service in any area served by any Independent telephone company as defined in the Final ORDER NO. PSC-04-0480-PAA-TX ISSUED: May 11, 2004. The exchanges in the BellSouth, Sprint and Verizon service areas that Get A Phone serves and for which it seeks ETC designation are attached as Exhibit "B".



#### **IV. Granting Get A Phone's Petition will Serve the Public Interest**

13. Congress requires that the Commission grant competitive ETC petitions in non-rural areas. No specific public interest test is mentioned, as is the case for areas served by rural telephone companies. Thus, the Act provides that the Commission "shall" designate Get A Phone as an ETC upon finding that the company meets the nine point list of services and that it agrees to advertise the supported services throughout the designated service area. Notwithstanding, the designation of Get A Phone as an ETC will serve the public interest.

14. A central purpose of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 was to "...promote competition and reduce regulation... thereby securing lower prices and higher quality services ...and encourage the rapid deployment of new telecommunications technologies." The designation of Get A Phone as an ETC would further these goals. Granting ETC status to Get A Phone would allow the Company to obtain federal universal service support, which it will use to offer innovative telecommunications services at competitive prices to consumers in the BellSouth, Sprint, and Verizon non rural service areas.

15. Get A Phone will announce and advertise telecommunications services as an ETC where it provides service in the BellSouth, Sprint and Verizon service areas in Florida and will publicize the availability of Lifeline and Link-Up services in a manner reasonably designed to reach those likely to qualify for those services. Accordingly, more low-income Florida residents will be made aware of the opportunities afforded to them under the Lifeline and Link-Up programs and will be able to take advantage of those opportunities by subscribing to Get A Phone's service.


*See* 47 U.S.C. 214(e) (2).

*See id*

The Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, 56 (1996).

For the foregoing reasons, Get A Phone respectfully requests that the Commission grant its petition and designate the Company as an ETC for the BellSouth, Sprint and Verizon non rural exchanges.

Respectfully submitted,

BY:   
Joyce Howard  
Regulatory Assistant  
Connect Paging, Inc, d/b/a Get A Phone

**Exhibit A**

I, **Byron T. Young**, certify that I am the Company Officer responsible for this request and that I have examined the foregoing request. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, all statements of fact contained in said request are correct statements of the business and affairs of the requesting carrier with respect to each and every matter set forth.

Dated: March 12, 2007

Telephone No: 817-371-5279

Signature: *Byron T. Young*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas  
the above named this 12 th day of March, 2007.

*Tommie Richards* Notary Public  
Tommie Richards

My Commission expires: November 28, 2009

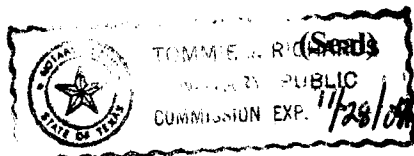


Exhibit "B"

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BellSouth Telecom Inc., dba Southern Bell Tel & Tel	Cocoa	COCOFLMEDSO
BellSouth Telecom Inc., dba Southern Bell Tel & Tel	Cross City	CSCYFLBARSO
BellSouth Telecom Inc., dba Southern Bell Tel & Tel	Debary	DBRYFLMARS1
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