

The Commission met on **Thursday, February 24, 2005**, with Chair Koppendrayner and Commissioners Johnson, Nickolai, and Pugh present.

The following items were taken up by the commission.

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA**

### **P-6402/NA-04-1519**

#### **In the Matter of the Application of Budget Phone, Inc. for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange and local exchange telephone service**

Commissioner Pugh moved that the Commission take the following action:

- deny the request for a variance of Minn. Rules part 7812.0600, subp.1 (C) and (D);
- approve the request for a variance of Minn. Rules part 7812.0200, subp. 6;
- approve the application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange services;
- approve the application for a certificate of authority to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange services with the following conditions:
  - Commission approval of interconnection agreements;
  - Commission approval of 911 plans;
  - filing of revised materials demonstrating compliance with Minnesota Statutes and Rules, including Minn. Rules part 7812.0600, subp. 1(C) and (D);
- the applicant may not provide local services until all conditions have been fulfilled;

The motion passed 4-0.

### **P-999/CI-04-305**

#### **In the Matter of Annual Consideration of Possible Changes in the Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) Surcharge and the Telephone Assistance Plan State Credit for FY 2004**

Commissioner Pugh moved that the Commission take the following action:

- accept the Workgroup's recommendation and take no action on implementing options for increasing enrollment in Lifeline, Link-up, or TAP at this time;
- accept the Workgroup's recommendation and take no action to adjust the TAP credit or surcharge at this time;
- request comments in this docket on verification issues listed in the briefing papers and others identified by the Commission;

The motion passed 4-0.

**P-520/AM-04-1854**

**In the Matter of a Petition by Eckles Telephone Company d/b/a BEVCOM to Eliminate Transfer Payments in the Calculation of EAS Rates Between the New Prague Exchange and the Twin Cities Metropolitan Calling Area**

Commissioner Johnson moved that the Commission take the following action:

- approve Eckles petition to eliminate all transfer payments and revise the monthly rate additives paid by customers in the New Prague exchange as proposed by Eckles;
- require that all transfer payments terminate by April 1, 2005;
- require Eckles to make the revised rates effective April 1, 2005;
- require Eckles to file compliance rates April 1, 2005;
- require Eckles to file a proposed customer notice for Commission staff review within 20 days of the Order;

The motion passed 3-1. Commissioner Nickolai voted no.

There being no further telecommunications business, the telecommunications agenda was adjourned and was followed by the energy agenda.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: MARCH 9, 2005**

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**Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary**