

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Barbara Beerhalter	Chair
Cynthia A. Kitlinski	Commissioner
Norma McKanna	Commissioner
Robert J. O'Keefe	Commissioner
Darrel L. Peterson	Commissioner

In the Matter of Contel of Minnesota, Inc.'s
Request for Certification of 1988
Depreciation Rates

ISSUE DATE: May 2, 1988

DOCKET NO. P-407/D-88-209

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF
TIME

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On March 30, 1988 Contel of Minnesota, Inc. (the Company) filed a request for an extension of time in which to file its 1988 depreciation petition. The Commission had directed the Company to file the petition by April 1, 1988 in its 1987 depreciation Order, Docket No. P-407/D-87-407.

The Company stated it needed additional time to prepare the petition because it was in the process of revising its accounting procedures to conform with new FCC requirements. The Company also sought additional time to improve its plant records to allow additional depreciation modelling in future filings. The Company requested a new filing deadline of June 1, 1988.

The Department of Public Service examined the request and recommended approval. There were no comments from other parties.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that the Company should be granted the requested extension of time. The reasons given for the extension are legitimate; the amount of time sought is reasonable for those purposes. Since there will still be ample time to review the petition before year's end, there is no risk of loss to the ratepayers.

The Commission will grant the request.

ORDER

1. Contel of Minnesota, Inc. is granted an extension of time until June 1, 1988 to file its 1988 depreciation petition.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Mary Ellen Hennen
Executive Secretary

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