

P-999/CI-87-698GRANTING TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Summary Investigation Into
the Use of Access Tariffs to Bill Jointly
Provided Private Line Services to Customers

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ORDER GRANTING TIME EXTENSION

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On May 1, 1989, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued its ORDER ACCEPTING AND IMPLEMENTING TASK FORCE REPORT in this matter. In that Order, the Commission required all local exchange carriers, with the exception of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, to file intrastate special access tariffs no later than June 1, 1989.

On May 25, 1989 the Minnesota Independent Coalition (MIC) requested an extension of time to file the intrastate special access tariffs for independent local exchange companies. MIC explained that complying with the May 1, 1989 Order was a complex process. MIC noted that of its 80 member companies, at least 20 companies could submit compliance filings by June 1, 1989. The remaining companies requested an extension until July 1, 1989 to submit their compliance filings.

The Minnesota Department of Public Service filed a comment indicating that it does not object to the staggered filing arrangement proposed by the MIC.

The Commission met on June 6, 1989 to consider this matter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission will grant MIC's request for a time extension until July 1, 1989 for independent telephone companies to file intrastate special access tariffs.

The Commission finds that the reasons for the request are sound. The amount of time sought is reasonable. Neither the public interest nor any party's interests will be prejudiced by the delay. All parties are aware of the necessity for the intrastate special access tariffs to be effective August 1, 1989 to coincide with the implementation date of NWB's Private Line Transport Service tariff. With a deadline of July 1, 1989 for the filing of the more complex MIC company tariffs, there would be sufficient time for the Commission to review and approve the tariffs.

ORDER

1. The Commission hereby grants MIC's request for an extension until July 1, 1989 for independent telephone companies to file the tariffs required under the May 1, 1989 Order.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Mary Ellen Hennen
Executive Secretary

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