

P-421/CI-88-152 GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

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 an Investigation into
Northwestern Bell Telephone Company's
Optional Measured Service Trial Offerings

ISSUE DATE: September 6, 1989

DOCKET NO. P-421/CI-88-152

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF
TIME

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On June 9, 1989, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) issued its ORDER CONTINUING INVESTIGATION AND REQUIRING FURTHER FILINGS in this matter. That Order allowed parties to submit comments on nine specific issues no later than September 7, 1989.

During the comment period, the Minnesota Department of Public Service (DPS or the Department), Northwestern Bell Telephone Company (NWB), and the Residential Utilities Division of the Office of the Attorney General (RUD-OAG) agreed that the proposed prices of Optional Measured service should be based on the same cost and usage data, so that any differences in proposed prices would reflect only differences in pricing philosophy.

NWB updated its cost and customer count data for its pricing proposals. The cost figures were made available to the DPS on August 8, 1989 and the supporting work papers were given to the DPS on August 15, 1989.

On August 18, 1989, the DPS requested a 30-day extension to the comment period ordered in the Commission's June 9, 1989 Order.

No party opposed the request.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that the Department's request for an extension of time is reasonable and should be granted for all parties. 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.

ORDER

1. All parties in this matter are granted an extension of time until October 9, 1989 to file comments on the nine specific issues listed in the Commission's June 9, 1989 Order.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Mary Ellen Hennen
Executive Secretary

(S E A L)