

P-520, 421/CP-86-537 ORDER ALLOWING TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| In the Matter of the Petition of Certain Subscribers in the New Prague Exchange for Extended Area Service to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Calling Area | ISSUE DATE: December 17, 1990 DOCKET NO. P-520, 421/CP-86-537 ORDER ALLOWING TIME EXTENSION |
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On June 26, 1990, the Commission issued its ORDER AFTER RECONSIDERATION OF JUNE 20, 1989 ORDER IN LIGHT OF MINNESOTA STATUTE § 237.161 (1990). In the Matter of the Petitions of Certain Subscribers in the Exchanges of Zimmerman, Prescott, Waconia, Belle Plaine, North Branch, Lindstrom, New Prague, Cambridge, Hudson, Houlton, LeSueur, Cannon Falls, Delano, Northfield, Buffalo and Watertown for Extended Area Service to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Calling Area, Docket No. P-421, 405, 407, 430, 426, 520, 427/CI-87-76. In that Order the Commission directed the telephone companies serving each of the exchanges, plus the telephone companies serving the existing metro calling area, to submit cost studies and proposed rates for Extended Area Service (EAS) for certain of the petitioning exchanges, including New Prague.

On August 20, 1990, the Commission issued its ORDER REQUIRING THE FILING OF TRAFFIC STUDIES AND GRANTING TIME EXTENSION. In that Order the parties were given until September 24, 1990, to file their cost studies and proposed rates.

On September 24, 1990, cost studies and proposed rates were filed in the current docket for the New Prague exchange.

In filings dated November 26 and December 4, 1990, the Department of Public Service (the Department) requested an extension to its 45 day time limit for filing a report and recommendation regarding the studies. The Department asked to move its filing deadline from November 26, 1990, to December 17, 1990. The Department felt that the extension would be necessary for it to review adequately the updated and revised New Prague filings.

The matter came before the Commission on December 4, 1990.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

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

The extension will be granted.

ORDER

1. The Department is granted an extension of time until December 17, 1990 to file a report and recommendation regarding cost studies and proposed rates in the docket herein.
2. Parties may file comments on the Department's report and recommendation through January 7, 1991.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster
Executive Secretary

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