

P-999/CI-85-582 ORDER EXTENDING DESIGNATED CARRIER PLAN

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Summary
Investigation into IntraLATA
Toll Access Compensation for
Local Exchange Carriers
Providing Telephone Service
Within the State of Minnesota

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On November 2, 1987, the Commission issued an Order establishing Northwestern Bell Telephone Company as the "designated carrier" for intrastate intraLATA toll service during that service's transition from a monopoly environment to a competitive one. Northwestern Bell was to serve as the designated carrier until a workable and permanent intrastate intraLATA toll access compensation system was in place.

Initially, the designated carrier plan was expected to last for two years. However, as Commission-appointed committees examined the technological and regulatory structures essential to full intraLATA competition, it became clear the plan must be extended to ensure the continuation of an intraLATA toll access compensation plan. The plan has since been extended on several occasions, most recently until January 1, 1991.¹ A permanent, workable intrastate intraLATA access compensation plan is not yet in place.

The matter came before the Commission on its own motion on December 18, 1990. No party opposed extending the designated carrier plan.

¹ ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME AND EXTENDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF DESIGNATED CARRIER PLAN, In the Matter of an Investigation into IntraLATA Toll Access Compensation Plans, Docket No. P-999/CI-87-695 (January 10, 1990).

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds it is necessary to extend the life of the designated carrier plan until the Commission has adopted a permanent intrastate intraLATA access compensation plan and that plan is in place. Until that time, the designated carrier plan will ensure that there is a compensation plan in place for access to intrastate intraLATA toll services. The Commission will so order.

ORDER

1. The designated carrier plan established by Commission Order of November 2, 1987 in Commission docket P-999/CI-85-582 is extended until a permanent intrastate intraLATA compensation plan is in place and the Commission ends the operation of the plan by written Order.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster
Executive Secretary

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