

P-421/EM-89-699 GRANTING REQUEST TO WITHDRAW FILING

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company's Request for a Variance to Minnesota Rules, Part 7810.2100, Manner of Disconnection

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On August 22, 1989, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company (NWB or the Company) filed a request for a variance from Minn. Rules, part 7810.2100, MANNER OF DISCONNECTION. If granted, the variance would have expanded the time periods in which NWB could disconnect service to its customers.

On October 4, 1989, the Residential Utilities Division of the Office of the Attorney General (RUD-OAG) filed comments recommending that NWB's variance request be denied.

On February 1, 1990, the Department of Public Service (the Department) filed a recommendation that the Commission disapprove the variance.

On February 13, 1990, the RUD-OAG filed further comments in opposition to the variance request.

No other parties submitted comments.

On February 16, 1990, NWB filed a written request to withdraw its variance request. In its letter, the Company stated that there were matters at issue which should be studied before the variance request is considered by the Commission.

The matter of NWB's request to withdraw its previous request for variance came before the Commission on March 13, 1990.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that NWB's request for permission to withdraw its variance request should be allowed. No parties will be prejudiced by the withdrawal, because the present rule on manner of disconnection will remain unchanged. If NWB wishes to withdraw its variance request in order to devote further study to the issue of disconnection, it is in the best interests of all to allow the withdrawal.

ORDER

1. Northwestern Bell Telephone Company's request to withdraw its request for a variance to Minn. Rules, part 7810.2100, MANNER OF DISCONNECTION, is hereby granted.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Lee Larson
Acting Executive Secretary

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