

P-501, 421/CP-90-357 ORDER ALLOWING TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Petition for  
Extended Area Service from the  
Bena Exchange to the Cass Lake  
and Bemidji Exchanges

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**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On May 14, 1990, subscribers from the Bena exchange of Arrowhead Communications Corporation (Arrowhead) filed a petition for extended area service (EAS) to the Cass Lake and Bemidji exchanges of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company (now known as US WEST). Cass Lake and Bemidji have EAS to each other. Bena does not have EAS to any other exchange.

On December 17, 1990, the Commission issued its ORDER REQUIRING THE FILING OF COST STUDIES AND PROPOSED RATES in this docket. In that Order, the Commission stated that the Bena EAS petition meets the statutory requirements of adjacency and sufficient traffic. The Commission ordered Arrowhead and US WEST to file cost studies and proposed rates in order to prepare for the third EAS criterion, a polling of subscribers.

Arrowhead filed certain cost schedules on February 14, 1991. Arrowhead stated that it would submit further information when it received necessary cost information from US WEST.

On February 14, 1991, US WEST requested an extension of time in which to file its cost studies and proposed rates. US WEST stated that it need the extra time because of the great effort it is expending in preparing cost studies for the metropolitan EAS case.

The matter came before the Commission on March 19, 1991.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that Arrowhead and US WEST need extensions of time and that the extensions should be granted. The reasons for the time extensions are sound. Because the Commission will grant corresponding time extensions to the Department and other parties, no party will be prejudiced by the delay.

The time extensions will be granted.

## ORDER

1. Arrowhead and US WEST are granted an extension of time until 30 days from the date of this Order in which to file cost studies and proposed rates for the Bena/Cass Lake and Bemidji EAS petition.
2. The Department is granted a time extension for filing its report and recommendation until 45 days from the telephone companies' extended filing deadline as calculated in Paragraph One above.
3. Interested parties may submit comments for 20 days after the Department's extended filing deadline as calculated in Paragraph Two above.
4. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster  
Executive Secretary

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