

P-571/ES-91-199 ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911 SYSTEM COST

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **Winnebago
Cooperative Telephone
Association's** Request for
Approval of Certified Actual
Costs Associated with the
Faribault County 911 Emergency
Telephone Services System

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On January 6, 1987, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Faribault County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On October 8, 1990, Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association (the Association) placed a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone System into service in Faribault County.

On December 21, 1990, the Association certified the actual costs it incurred for the provision of 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Faribault County.

Winnebago is now requesting Commission approval of actual 911 system costs. Commission approval is necessary before the Department of Administration (DOA) will make payments for 911 system costs.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11, subd. 3 states:

Subd. 3 (METHOD OF PAYMENT; CERTIFICATION.) A public utility incurring reimbursable costs under subdivision 1 or 2 shall certify those costs to the commissioner of administration. The certification shall be in a form as prescribed by the commissioner after consultation with the public service commission. If the commissioner and the commission approve the certified costs as appropriate and accurate, the commissioner shall pay the certified costs from money appropriated for that purpose within 90 days following receipt by the commissioner of the certified costs. The commissioner of administration shall estimate

the amount required to reimburse public utilities for the state's obligations under subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section and the governor shall include the estimated amount in the biennial budget request.

Winnebago has certified, in writing, that the elements of 911 services and associated costs indicated on Attachment A reflect only charges for services actually rendered in the direct provision of 911 service in Faribault County.

The amount appearing on line 1c is the actual cost associated with moving or rearranging existing central office equipment because of 911 installation. The amount appearing on line 1c is traceable to specific telephone association job orders which will be retained in the Association's records. This amount is a one-time cost which will be reimbursed by the State of Minnesota and which will be excluded from the Association's rate base.

All other charges listed on Attachment A are in accordance with the Association's tariffs.

The Commission finds that the costs for 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Faribault County which have been certified by the Association are appropriate and accurate.

Policy References:

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11 System Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1400 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Recurring Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1500 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Central Office Modification Costs

ORDER

1. The costs identified on Attachment A accompanying this Order are approved as appropriate and accurate.
2. This Order does not approve payment of any 911 system costs. Any possible future approval of payment for system costs shall be granted by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 403.11.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster
Executive Secretary

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