

P-407, 421/CP-87-216 ORDER GRANTING TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition of Certain Subscribers in the Cannon Falls Exchange for Extended Area Service to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Calling Area	ISSUE DATE: June 21, 1991 DOCKET NO. P-407, 421/CP-87-216 ORDER GRANTING TIME EXTENSION
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On August 20, 1990, the Commission issued its ORDER REQUIRING THE FILING OF TRAFFIC STUDIES AND GRANTING TIME EXTENSION in the present docket. In that Order the Commission directed the interexchange carriers (IXCs) serving the Cannon Falls exchange and the metro calling area to file point-to-point traffic studies on or before December 18, 1990. The IXCs were ordered to file their cost studies and proposed rates within 45 days following the submission of the traffic studies.

On December 17, 1990, the Commission issued its ORDER SETTING COMMENT PERIODS in the current docket. In that Order the Commission stated that the Department of Public Service (the Department) could submit its report and recommendation on the Cannon Falls-metro EAS petition through March 18, 1991. Interested parties would have 20 days, or until April 8, 1991, to submit comments.

On February 27, 1991, the Commission issued its ORDER GRANTING TIME EXTENSION. In that Order the Commission granted the affected local exchange companies a time extension until March 22, 1991 in which to file their cost studies and proposed rates. The Department was required to file its report and recommendation within 45 days of the companies' filings.

On April 22, 1991, the Department filed a request for statutory interpretation of Minn. Stat. § 237.161 regarding interLATA interexchange carriers for the Hokah, Minnesota to LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and Cannon Falls and Northfield to Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan calling area EAS petitions. The Department recommended that the Commission order the affected IXCs to file contribution amounts for their routes.

On May 6, 1991, the Department requested a 90 day extension in which to file its report and recommendation in the current docket. The Department reasoned that it would not be able to complete its analysis until the Commission has considered the Department's April 22 request.

The matter came before the Commission on June 11, 1991.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that the Department's request for a time extension is reasonable and should be granted. If the Commission orders the IXCs to file contribution amounts, their supplemental filings will affect local exchange companies' cost studies. The Department's report and recommendation would in turn be affected. It is reasonable to allow the Department a 90 day extension in which to file a report which is complete and reflects the complete cost data.

Neither the public interest nor any party's interests will be prejudiced by the delay. No party has opposed the Department's request for time extension.

The extension will be granted.

ORDER

1. The Department of Public Service is granted an extension of time until 90 days from the date of this Order in which to file its report and recommendation on the Cannon Falls-metro EAS petition.
2. Interested parties may file comments until 20 days from the Department's deadline as outlined in Paragraph One.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster
Executive Secretary

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