

P-999/CI-90-373 ORDER ALLOWING TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Commission
Initiated Investigation into
Open Network Architecture

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DOCKET NO. P-999/CI-90-373

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On July 5, 1990, the Commission initiated an investigation into Open Network Architecture (ONA) in Minnesota.¹ On January 10, 1991, the Commission issued its ORDER ESTABLISHING FURTHER COMMENT PROCEDURE. In that Order, the Commission required reply comments to be filed within 90 days and responsive comments within 45 days thereafter.

On May 24, 1991, the Commission issued its ORDER EXTENDING COMMENT PERIOD. In that Order the Commission granted the Department of Public Service (the Department) and other parties a time extension until August 1, 1991 in which to file responsive comments.

On July 12, 1991, the Department requested that the deadline for filing responsive comments be extended until November 1, 1991. The Department stated that additional time would be necessary for completion of its report on the eight individual ONA filings submitted by US WEST Communications, Inc., and for responsive comments to its report by other parties. The Department also predicted that there will be federal activity on ONA before November 1, 1991, which will be of interest to the parties involved in the Minnesota ONA investigation.

The Department's request for a time extension came before the Commission for consideration on July 30, 1991.

¹ In the Matter of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company's Open Network Architecture Filings, Docket No. P-421/M-88-645, P-421/EM-89-692, P-421/EM-89-1018, P-421/EM-90-171, P-999/CI-90-373, ORDER REFERRING ISSUE TO OTHER DOCKET, ALLOWING TARIFF/PRICE LIST TO REMAIN IN EFFECT, AND INITIATING INVESTIGATION.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that the time extension requested by the Department is reasonable and should be granted. No party's interests will be prejudiced by the delay, nor has any party objected to the proposed time extension. The time extension will allow the Department and other parties sufficient time to analyze a complex proceeding and to file responsive comments. Since the federal ONA proceeding may be of interest in the current investigation, it is worthwhile to schedule the comment deadline after the federal activity is scheduled to take place.

ORDER

1. Parties in this proceeding are granted an extension of time until November 1, 1991 in which to file responsive comments.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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