

P-427, 421/CP-85-652 ORDER GRANTING TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Petition for  
Extended Area Service Between  
the Zimmerman Exchange and the  
Minneapolis/St. Paul  
Metropolitan Calling Area

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**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On July 16, 1991, the Commission issued its ORDER REQUIRING NEGOTIATIONS AND ESTABLISHING TIME FRAMES in this matter. The Order established a time frame for the filing of information in this proceeding by Sherburne County Rural Telephone Company (Sherburne), which serves the Zimmerman exchange, and U S West Communications, Inc. (USWC), which serves the majority of the metro calling area.

On August 9, 1991, USWC submitted a letter to the Commission requesting a 45 day extension to file its revised cost study and proposed rates.

On September 3, 1991, the Commission met to consider this matter.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Under the time frame established in the July 16, 1991 Order, if Sherburne and USWC agreed to a meetpoint for the proposed Zimmerman-Metro EAS route, revised cost studies and proposed rates would be due within 30 days of the meeting in which that agreement was reached. Sherburne and USWC reached agreement on the meet point at their July 30, 1991 meeting. The revised cost studies and proposed rates were due, therefore, on August 29, 1991.

The requested extension would allow the companies to use the uniform traffic study methodology being developed for the Lindstrom, Buffalo, Cambridge, North Branch and Delano EAS petitions. While the Commission is reluctant to authorize any further delay in the processing of this EAS petition, it will

significantly improve the quality of the requested cost studies and proposed rates if they are based on the same traffic study methodology that will be used in the other pending petitions.

Accordingly, the Commission will grant the requested time extension. Companies affected by this EAS petition will have until October 14, 1991 to file their cost studies and proposed rates in this matter.

**ORDER**

1. The affected telephone companies in this matter shall have until October 14, 1991 to file their cost studies and proposed rates. The affected telephone companies are: USWC, Sherburne, Contel of Minnesota, Inc. d/b/a GTE Minnesota (GTE Minnesota), Vista Telephone Company of Minnesota (Vista), United Telephone Company (United), Scott-Rice Telephone Company (Scott-Rice), and Eckles Telephone Company (Eckles).
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster  
Executive Secretary

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