

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Darrel L. Peterson	Chair
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In the Matter of a Petition for
Extended Area Service from the
Arlington Exchange to the
Gaylord Exchange

ISSUE DATE: November 20, 1991
DOCKET NO. P-405, 421/CP-91-503

ORDER DENYING PETITION AND
CLOSING DOCKET

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On July 8, 1991, subscribers in the Arlington exchange filed a petition for extended area service (EAS) with the Gaylord exchange. Arlington is served by Vista Minnesota (Vista) and Gaylord is served by US WEST Communications, Inc. (US WEST).

On August 15, 1991, Vista filed traffic studies for the proposed Arlington/Gaylord EAS route. According to the traffic studies, less than 50% of the Arlington subscribers place one or more calls per month to Gaylord.

On October 29, 1991, the matter came before the Commission.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

From a review of the exchange maps currently on file with the Department of Public Service, the Commission finds that the Arlington and Gaylord exchanges are adjacent and therefore meet the criterion of Minn. Stat. § 237.161, subd. 1 (a)(1):

The petitioning exchange is contiguous to an exchange or local calling area to which extended area service is requested in the petition.

The filed traffic studies, however, show that the proposed EAS route fails the traffic requirement of Minn. Stat. § 237.161, subd. 1 (a) (3):

At least 50 percent of the customers in the petitioning exchange make one or more calls per month to the exchange or local calling area to which extended area service is requested, as determined by a traffic study.

Because the proposed Arlington/Gaylord EAS route fails to meet the statutory EAS traffic criterion, the Commission will deny the petition.

ORDER

1. The petition for EAS between Arlington and Gaylord is denied.
2. This docket is closed.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster
Executive Secretary

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