

P-421, 406/SA-91-733 ORDER ALLOWING SERVICE AREA REVISION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Don Storm	Chair
Tom Burton	Commissioner
Cynthia A. Kitlinski	Commissioner
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In the Matter of a Service Area  
Revision Between the US WEST  
Communications, Inc. Staples  
Exchange and the Consolidated  
Telephone Company Motley  
Exchange

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**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On October 1, 1991, US WEST Communications, Inc. (US WEST) and Consolidated Telephone Company (Consolidated) filed a joint request for Commission approval of a service area boundary revision. US WEST serves the Staples exchange and Consolidated serves the Motley exchange in Todd County, Minnesota.

The companies agreed to revise their common boundary in order to allow Consolidated to serve a single subscriber who is in the US WEST service area but is much closer to the Consolidated facilities. US WEST stated that it would cost approximately \$20,000 for additional plant to serve the customer, while Consolidated's investment would be minimal. The subscriber agreed to the change. The revenue effect for US WEST would be a loss of \$13.01 per month; the revenue effect for Consolidated would be an increase of \$11.54 per month. It is unlikely that further development will occur in the subject area.

On May 21, 1992, the Department of Public Service (the Department) filed a report in which it recommended that the Commission approve the proposed revision.

The matter came before the Commission on June 9, 1992.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

The Commission finds that the proposed boundary revision is reasonable and appropriate. All parties concerned, including the one customer affected, are in agreement regarding the change.

Neither telephone company will have a significant revenue effect. The revision is in the best interest of US WEST ratepayers, who will be saved an investment of \$20,000. No party will be affected adversely.

The Commission finds that the proposed boundary revision is in the public interest and will approve it.

**ORDER**

1. The proposed boundary revision between the US WEST Staples exchange and the Consolidated Motley exchange is approved.
2. The Department shall revise its boundary maps to reflect the change.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster  
Executive Secretary

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