

P-405, 421/CP-91-503 ORDER REOPENING DOCKET AND REQUIRING FURTHER
FILINGS

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Petition for
Extended Area Service from the
Arlington Exchange to the
Gaylord Exchange

ISSUE DATE: January 22, 1992

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On July 8, 1991, subscribers in the Arlington exchange filed a petition requesting extended area service (EAS) to the Gaylord exchange. At the time of the petition, Arlington was served by Centel; Arlington is currently served by Centel's successor in interest, Vista Minnesota (Vista). Gaylord is served by US WEST Communications, Inc. (US WEST).

On July 12, 1991, the Department of Public Service (the Department) requested the telephone companies to file traffic studies.

On August 15, 1991, Vista filed traffic studies which indicated that fewer than 50% of the subscribers in the Arlington exchange make one or more calls per month to the Gaylord exchange.

On November 20, 1991, the Commission issued its ORDER DENYING PETITION AND CLOSING DOCKET. In that Order the Commission denied the Arlington/Gaylord petition and closed the current docket because the traffic criterion of Minn. Stat. § 237.161 (1990) had not been met.

On December 11, 1991, the Arlington/Gaylord petition sponsor, the City of Arlington, filed a request that supplemental traffic studies be submitted for the months of September, October and November, 1991. Vista verbally agreed to submit the additional studies.

The matter came before the Commission for consideration on January 14, 1992.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The petition sponsor, the City of Arlington, believes that traffic studies for the months of September, October and November will provide a more accurate accounting of traffic than was provided in the previous study for the month of June. The Commission notes that Vista does not object to the supplemental study. The Commission finds that it is important to pursue the most accurate possible information regarding the traffic count between the two exchanges. The Commission will therefore reopen the docket and require Vista to submit further traffic studies for the months of September, October and November, 1991. Although traffic studies beyond these three months are not required, Vista should submit 12 months of traffic data if such data is available. The twelve months of traffic data could eliminate any extraordinary highs or lows in monthly traffic counts.

ORDER

1. Docket No. P-405, 421/CP-91-503 is reopened.
2. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Vista shall submit an Arlington/Gaylord traffic study for the months of September, October and November, 1991. Vista should submit 12 months of traffic data if such data is currently available.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster
Executive Secretary

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