

P-413/ES-93-449 ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911 SYSTEM COSTS

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Don Storm	Chair
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Tom Burton	Commissioner

In the Matter of **Lakedale Telephone Company's** Request for Approval of Certified Actual Costs Associated with the **Wright County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: June 1, 1993

DOCKET NO. **P-413/ES-93-449**

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On May 29, 1984, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Wright County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On March 4, 1986, the Commission approved Lakedale Telephone Company's (the Company) initial cost certification.

On November 4, 1992, the Company placed a portion of an enhanced 911 Emergency Telephone System into service in Wright County. Lakedale modified the Wright County 911 service to include Automatic Number Identification (ANI) and Automatic Location Identification (ALI).

On January 11, 1993, the Company recertified the actual costs it incurred for the provision of 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Wright County. The certified costs included certain amounts for central office modification costs which the Company previously recorded on its books and records.

Lakedale is now requesting Commission approval of actual 911 system costs. Commission approval is necessary before the Department of Administration (DOA) will make payments for 911 system costs.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11, subd. 3 states:

Subd. 3 (METHOD OF PAYMENT; CERTIFICATION.) A public utility incurring reimbursable costs under subdivision 1 or 2 shall certify those costs to the commissioner of administration. The certification shall be in a form as prescribed by the commissioner after consultation with the public service commission. If the commissioner and the commission approve the certified costs as appropriate and

accurate, the commissioner shall pay the certified costs from money appropriated for that purpose within 90 days following receipt by the commissioner of the certified costs. The commissioner of administration shall estimate the amount required to reimburse public utilities for the state's obligations under subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section and the governor shall include the estimated amount in the biennial budget request.

Lakedale has certified, in writing, that the elements of 911 services and associated costs indicated on Attachment A reflect only charges for services actually rendered in the direct provision of 911 service in Wright County.

All other charges listed on Attachment A are in accordance with the Company's tariffs.

The Commission finds that the costs for 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Wright County which have been certified by the Company are appropriate and accurate.

911 system costs will be recertified on an annual basis to reflect revised maintenance and administration expense factors.

Policy References:

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11 System Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1400 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Recurring Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1500 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Central Office Modification Costs

ORDER

1. The costs identified on Attachment A accompanying this Order are approved as appropriate and accurate.
2. This Order does not approve payment of any 911 system costs. Any possible future approval of payment for system costs shall be granted by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 403.11.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster
Executive Secretary

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)SS
COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I _____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the ____ day of _____, 1993 (s)he served the attached Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for Wright County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P-KEYBOARD()

- XX By depositing in the United States Mail at the City of St. Paul, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage prepaid
XX By personal service
XX By inter-office mail

to all persons at the addresses indicated below or on the attached list:

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, _____
a notary public, this ____ day of
_____, 1993.

Notary Public