

P-413, 421, 430, 407, 405, 426/CP-89-187 ORDER REQUIRING TRAFFIC
STUDY

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Don Storm	Chair
Tom Burton	Commissioner
Cynthia A. Kitlinski	Commissioner
Dee Knaak	Commissioner

In the Matter of the Petition of Certain Subscribers in the Waverly Exchange for Extended Area Service to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Calling Area	ISSUE DATE: August 10, 1993 DOCKET NO. P-413, 421, 430, 407, 405, 426/CP-89-187 ORDER REQUIRING TRAFFIC STUDY
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On March 28, 1989, subscribers in the Waverly exchange petitioned for extended area service (EAS) to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Calling Area (the MCA). Waverly is served by the Lakedale Telephone Company (Lakedale).

On July 3, 1990, the Commission issued its ORDER DEFERRING ACTION in the above-captioned docket. In that Order the Commission stated that Waverly was not adjacent to the MCA and thus did not meet the adjacency requirement of the EAS statute, Minn. Stat. § 237.161. The Commission noted, however, that two exchanges which are adjacent to Waverly were in the process of petitioning for EAS to the MCA. If either of these exchanges (Buffalo or Watertown) was successful in its request for EAS, it would become part of the MCA and Waverly would then meet the adjacency requirement. The Commission therefore did not dismiss the Waverly petition for failure to meet the adjacency requirement, but rather put the petition on hold pending further developments in the Buffalo and Watertown dockets. The Commission stated that it would resume consideration of the Waverly petition if one of the two other pending petitions was successful.

On January 14, 1993, the Commission issued its ORDER CERTIFYING POLLING RESULTS, APPROVING RATE INCREASES, AND REQUIRING FURTHER FILINGS in the Buffalo/MCA EAS proceeding. Docket No. P-421, et al/CP-87-506. In that Order the Commission granted Buffalo's petition and the Buffalo exchange became part of the MCA.

On August 3, 1993, the Commission resumed consideration of the Waverly/MCA EAS petition.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that Waverly is now contiguous with the MCA and has therefore met the adjacency requirement of Minn. Stat. § 237.161. The petitioners must next meet the traffic requirement of the EAS statute by showing that at least 50 percent of Waverly subscribers make one or more calls per month to the MCA. The Commission will therefore order Lakedale to submit a traffic study to determine this factor in the EAS process. Lakedale's traffic study should provide more than one month's data if it is available. If possible, up to one year's worth of monthly traffic data should be filed by Lakedale.

Upon review of the filed traffic study, the Commission will determine if the traffic criterion has been met and the petition process should proceed to polling.

ORDER

1. Within 45 days of the date of this Order, Lakedale Telephone Company shall file a traffic study consistent with the requirements of this Order.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster
Executive Secretary

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