

P-413, 421, 430, 407, 405, 426/CP-88-856 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 Montrose 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-88-856  ORDER REQUIRING TRAFFIC STUDY
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**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On October 31, 1988, subscribers in the Montrose exchange petitioned for extended area service (EAS) to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Calling Area (the MCA). Montrose 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 Montrose 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 three exchanges which are adjacent to Montrose were in the process of petitioning for EAS to the MCA. If any of these exchanges (Buffalo, Watertown, or Delano) was successful in its request for EAS, it would become part of the MCA and Montrose would then meet the adjacency requirement. The Commission therefore did not dismiss the Montrose petition for failure to meet the adjacency requirement, but rather put the petition on hold pending further developments in the Buffalo, Watertown and Delano dockets. The Commission stated that it would resume consideration of the Montrose petition if one of the three 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 Montrose/MCA EAS petition.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

The Commission finds that Montrose 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 exchange 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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