

P-414/M-92-576 ORDER ACCEPTING REPORT AND CLOSING DOCKET

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Mankato Citizens
Telephone Company's Proposal to Study
Custom Local Area Signalling Services

ISSUE DATE: April 15, 1994

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On May 29, 1992, Mankato Citizens Telephone Company (Mankato or the Company) sent a letter to the Commission notifying the Commission of its intent to offer ten telephone services for six months commencing in mid-August as part of a technical service study of Custom Local Area Signalling Services (CLASS).

On June 11, 1992, the Residential Utilities Division of the Office of the Attorney General (RUD-OAG) filed a letter with the Commission objecting to the Company's assertion that Commission approval was not required to conduct its proposed trial.

On June 24, 1992, the Minnesota Department of Public Service (the Department) filed a letter also objecting to the Company's view that it could offer these services without Commission approval.

On July 6, 1992, Commission Staff sent a letter to the Company requesting that the Company not initiate the trial until after the Commission had an opportunity to address that question.

On August 28, 1992, the Commission issued its ORDER APPROVING STUDY AS MODIFIED in this matter. The Commission authorized Mankato to conduct a six-month technical trial of Custom Local Area Signaling Services (CLASS). The Order required Mankato to file a report with the Commission at the conclusion of the trial.

On December 10, 1993, Mankato filed a report of the trial with the Commission.

On April 12, 1994, the Commission met to consider this matter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

In its August 28, 1992 Order, the Commission stated:

Within 30 days of the end of the six month trial, Mankato will file a report on the trial. The report should include, at minimum, the comments of the relevant law enforcement agencies, if any, how consumer reactions and complaints were handled, and technical results. Ordering Paragraph 1 (d).

Upon review of the Company's report, the Commission finds that the Company has complied with the conditions and requirements established in the August 28, 1992 Order.

In addition, all the issues that were of major concern to the Commission in the Mankato proceeding have been resolved through the subsequent generic CLASS services proceeding, Docket No. P-999/CI-92-992.

At this point, Mankato has not requested authority to provide CLASS services on a permanent basis, nor has it sought to extend the trial CLASS offering.

Accordingly, the Commission will simply accept the Company's report and close the docket.

ORDER

1. The report submitted by Mankato Citizens Telephone Company (Mankato or the Company) regarding its trial offering of Custom Local Area Signalling Services (CLASS) is accepted.

If Mankato wishes to provide CLASS services on a permanent basis or to recommence a trial offering of CLASS, it will be required to petition the Commission for authority to do so.

2. Upon the issuance of this Order, this docket will be closed.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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