

P-527, 430/CP-91-648 ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Petition for Extended Area
Service from the Evansville Exchange to the
Alexandria Exchange

ISSUE DATE: July 26, 1994

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On August 27, 1991, Evansville subscribers filed a petition for Extended Area Service (EAS) to Alexandria. Evansville is served by the Gardonville Cooperative Telephone Association (Gardonville).

On July 8, 1992, the Commission issued an Order suspending further consideration of the Evansville petition because, although Evansville was not adjacent to Alexandria, if Millerville or Brandon voted in favor of EAS to Alexandria in related dockets, Evansville would have then become adjacent to the Alexandria exchange by virtue of its shared boundary with both Millerville and Brandon.

On April 6, 1994, the Commission issued an Order closing the Millerville and Brandon EAS dockets because Gardonville's new service (Foreign Exchange or FX) fulfilled Brandon's and Millerville's need for EAS to Alexandria.

On July 19, 1994, the Commission met to consider this matter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

With the Millerville and Brandon petitions closed, the Evansville petition cannot ever be considered adjacent to Alexandria. Without adjacency, Evansville is not eligible for EAS to Alexandria under the EAS law.

However, Gardonville's new FX service has now been made available to Evansville subscribers. Evansville subscribers can choose Gardonville's Garfield exchange, which has EAS to Alexandria, as their home exchange. In effect, this offers Evansville subscribers optional EAS to Alexandria. That is exactly what they had requested.

In these circumstances, the Commission will deny the petition for EAS and require Gardonville to notify its Evansville subscribers of the availability of FX, and of its substitutability for EAS to Alexandria.

Once the required notice is served on Evansville subscribers, the Evansville EAS docket will be closed.

ORDER

1. Within 10 days of this Order, Gardonville Cooperative Telephone Association (Gardonville) shall submit a proposed notice to Commission Staff for approval. The notice shall inform Gardonville's Evansville subscribers of the availability of Foreign Exchange (FX), and of its substitutability for EAS to Alexandria.
2. In the next available billing after the notice is approved by Commission Staff, Gardonville shall include the notice as a bill insert.
3. After the notice has been mailed to Evansville subscribers' in their bills, Gardonville shall inform the Commission of that fact in writing and the docket shall be closed.
4. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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