

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

ISSUE DATE: **October 23, 1995**

DOCKET NO. **P-412/ES-95-383**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911 SYSTEM COSTS

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On February 9, 1982, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved McLeod County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On November 22, 1983, the Commission approved Hutchinson Telephone Company's (the Company) initial cost certification for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone System in McLeod County.

On December 29, 1992, the Commission approved the Company's actual monthly trunk, circuit and access charges it incurred for the provision of 911 Emergency Telephone Service to the Hutchinson Exchange in McLeod County.

On August 24, 1994, the Company added Automatic Number Identification (ANI) and Automatic Location Identification (ALI) service in all exchanges in McLeod County.

On August 10, 1995, the Company certified the additional actual costs it incurred for the provision of 911 Emergency Telephone Service in McLeod County.

Hutchinson is now requesting Commission approval of the additional actual 911 system costs. This recertification is necessary for the monthly recurring 911 charges for ANI, ALI and associated monthly recurring 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 utilities 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.

Hutchinson 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 McLeod 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 McLeod County which have been certified by the Company are appropriate and accurate.

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

Burl Haar
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 _____, 1995 (s)he served the attached Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for McLeod County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P412/ES-95-383.

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

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a notary public, this ___ day of

_____, 1995.

Notary Public