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ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911 SYSTEM COSTS

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Joel Jacobs	Chair
Tom Burton	Commissioner
Don Storm	Commissioner
Marshall Johnson	Commissioner
Dee Knaak	Commissioner

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

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On May 29, 1984, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Kandiyohi County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

In March, 1986, Contel of Minnesota d/b/a GTE Telephone Company (the Company) placed a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone System into service in Kandiyohi County.

On November 10, 1988, the Commission approved the Company's initial cost certification for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone System in Kandiyohi County.

In January, 1994, the Company added Automatic Number Identification (ANI) service in all exchanges in Kandiyohi County. On May 1, 1995, the Company added Automatic Location Identification (ALI) service in all exchanges in Kandiyohi County.

On October 11, 1995, the Company certified the additional actual costs it incurred for the provision of 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Kandiyohi County.

GTE is now requesting Commission approval of actual 911 system costs associated with the provision of ANI service in all exchanges in Kandiyohi County. GTE is not requesting certification of 911 system costs associated with the provision of ALI service. 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.

GTE 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 Kandiyohi County.

All 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 Kandiyohi 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

(S E A L)

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)SS
COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I _____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the _____ day of _____, 1996 (s)he served the attached Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for Kandiyohi County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P-407/ES-95-1414.

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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Subscribed and sworn to before me, _____

a notary public, this _____ day of

_____, 1996.

Notary Public