

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Edward Garvey  
Joel Jacobs  
Marshall Johnson  
Don Storm

Chair  
Commissioner  
Commissioner  
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In the Matter of **New Ulm Telecom, Inc.'s**  
Request for Approval of Recertified Actual  
Costs Associated with the **Brown County** 911  
Emergency Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: September 26, 1997

DOCKET NO. **P-419/ES-97-821**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911  
SYSTEM COSTS

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On May 27, 1986, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Brown County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On February 1, 1987, New Ulm Telecom, Inc. (the Company) placed a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service into service in Brown County.

On October 12, 1987, the Company certified the actual costs it incurred for the provision of 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Brown County.

On August 3, 1988, the Commission approved actual 911 system costs.

On March 1, 1992, the Company modified their 911 service to include Local Location Identification (LLI) for the New Ulm exchange.

On June 23, 1992, the Company certified the actual costs it incurred for the addition of LLI into their 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Brown County.

On May 9, 1995, the Commission closed the cost certification filing for LLI (P419/ES-92-1397) due to no tariff on file for the provision of LLI.

On December 19, 1996, the Company recertified the actual costs it incurred for the provision of LLI, with tariff in place to support certification.

New Ulm Telecom, Inc. is now requesting Commission approval of actual 911 system costs.

Commission approval is necessary before the Department of Administration (DOA) will make payment 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.

New Ulm Telecom, Inc 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 Brown 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 Brown 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

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Executive Secretary

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 )SS  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY )

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997 (s)he served the attached Order Approving Recertified 911 System Costs for Brown County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P-419/ES-97-821.

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

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, \_\_\_\_\_

a notary public, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

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Notary Public