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ORDER GRANTING SECOND TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Petition for Extended Area
Service Between the Alden and Albert Lea
Exchanges

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On May 14, 1997, GTE Minnesota (GTE) filed a request for a time extension to prepare its cost study in this docket.

On June 10, 1997, the Commission voted to grant the request and issued an Order granting the request on June 23, 1997.

On June 16, 1997, GTE filed a request for a second time extension of 30 days.

On July 15, the Commission met to consider this matter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

In the interim, GTE and the other affected telephone companies have filed the required cost study and traffic information. In granting the Company's second request for time extension, therefore, the Commission is simply bringing the Company into formal compliance, as a matter of regulatory courtesy.

ORDER

1. GTE's request for an additional 30 days to file its cost study is granted for all the affected telephone companies. The resulting due date for the required cost studies and proposed rates, therefore, was July 16, 1997.

3. Remaining deadlines in this matter remain unchanged from the Commission's January 29, 1997 Order: 1) the Department's report and recommendation regarding proposed rates shall be due within 45 days following the filing of cost studies and proposed rates by the companies and 2) the parties shall have 20 days to respond to the Department's report.
4. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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