

1 BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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3 Edward Garvey Chair
4 Joel Jacobs Commissioner
5 Marshall Johnson Commissioner
6 Gregory Scott Commissioner
7 LeRoy Koppendrayer Commissioner
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9 In the Matter of **Scott-Rice Telephone**
10 **Company's** Request for Approval of Certified
11 Actual Costs Associated with the **Scott County**
12 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: February 13, 1998

DOCKET NO. **P-426/ES-97-1346**

13 ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911
14 SYSTEM COSTS
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16 **PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

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18 On December 16, 1980, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved
19 Scott County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

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21 On December 1, 1982, Scott-Rice Telephone Company (the Company) placed a portion of a 911
22 Emergency Telephone System into service for the Prior Lake and New Market exchange in Scott
23 County.

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25 On January 16, 1986, the Company certified the actual costs it incurred for the provision of 911
26 Emergency Telephone Service in Scott County.

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28 On March 11, 1986, the Commission approved actual 911 system costs for the provision of 911
29 Telephone Service in Scott County.

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31 On September 14, 1993, the Company placed a third 911 trunk in the Prior Lake exchange.

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33 On May 6, 1997, the Company certified the actual costs incurred for the third 911 trunk for the
34 Prior Lake exchange along with the mileage and termination costs. The Company also certified
35 the mileage and termination costs of the initial trunk previously approved in the March 11, 1986
36 Order.

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38 On June 1, 1997, the Company added Automatic Number Identification (ANI) and Automatic
39 Location Identification (ALI) to the Prior Lake and New Market exchanges.

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41 On June 21, 1997, the Company placed a fourth 911 trunk in the Prior Lake exchange.

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44 On August 7, 1997, the Commission approved actual 911 system costs for the third 911 trunk for

45 the Prior Lake exchange and re-approved the initial trunk costs. The re-approval was at the
46 previously approved rates.

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48 On August 13, 1997, the Company certified the actual costs incurred for the provision of ANI
49 and ALI to the Prior Lake and New Market exchanges. The Company also certified the actual
50 costs incurred for the fourth trunk in the Prior Lake exchange.

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52 Scott-Rice Telephone Company is now requesting Commission approval of the additional actual
53 911 system costs which includes the provision of ANI and ALI to the Prior Lake and New
54 Market exchanges and the fourth trunk for the Prior Lake exchange. Commission approval is
55 necessary before the Department of Administration (DOA) will make payments for 911 system
56 costs.

57 58 59 FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

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61 Minn. Stat. Section 403.11, subd. 3 states:

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63 Subd. 3 (METHOD OF PAYMENT; CERTIFICATION.) A public utility
64 incurring reimbursable costs under subdivision 1 or 2 shall certify those costs to the
65 commissioner of administration. The certification shall be in a form as prescribed
66 by the commissioner after consultation with the public utilities commission. If the
67 commissioner and the commission approve the certified costs as appropriate and
68 accurate, the commissioner shall pay the certified costs from money appropriated
69 for that purpose within 90 days following receipt by the commissioner of the
70 certified costs. The commissioner of administration shall estimate the amount
71 required to reimburse public utilities for the state's obligations under subdivisions 1
72 and 2 of this section and the governor shall include the estimated amount in the
73 biennial budget request.

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75 Scott-Rice Telephone Company has certified, in writing, that the elements of 911 services and
76 associated costs indicated on Attachment A and B reflect only charges for services actually
77 rendered in the direct provision of 911 service in Scott County.

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79 All charges listed on Attachment A and B are in accordance with the Company's tariffs.

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81 The Commission finds that the costs for 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Scott County
82 which have been certified by the Company are appropriate and accurate.

83 84 Policy References:

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86 Minn. Stat. Section 403.11 System Costs

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88 Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1400 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Recurring Costs

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90 Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1500 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Central Office Modification Costs
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ORDER

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- 94 1. The costs identified on Attachment A and B accompanying this Order are approved
- 95 as appropriate and accurate.
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- 97 2. This Order does not approve payment of any 911 system costs. Any possible future
- 98 approval of payment for system costs shall be granted by the Commissioner of the
- 99 Department of Administration in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat.
- 100 Section 403.11.
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- 102 3. This Order shall become effective immediately.
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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133 STATE OF MINNESOTA)
134)SS
135 COUNTY OF RAMSEY)
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139 AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE
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142 I , being first duly sworn, deposes and says:
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144 That on the ____ day of _____, 1998 (s)he served the attached Order Approving
145 Certified 911 System Costs for Scott County 911 Emergency Telephone Service
146 Docket No. P-426/ES-97-1346.
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148 XX By depositing in the United States Mail at the City of St. Paul, a true and correct
149 copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage prepaid
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151 XX By personal service
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153 XX By inter-office mail
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155 to all persons at the addresses indicated below or on the attached list:
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172 Subscribed and sworn to before me, _____
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174 a notary public, this _____ day of
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176 _____, 1998.
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179 Notary Public
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