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ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911 SYSTEM COSTS

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **Independent Emergency Services Limited Liability Company's** Request for Approval of Certified Actual Costs Associated with the **Aitkin County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On October 13, 1981, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Aitkin County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On October 9, 1985, the Commission approved the actual costs U S West Communications (formerly known as Northwestern Bell) incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Aitkin County.

On November 26, 1985, the Commission approved the actual costs United Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Service System in the Gateway, McGregor, Palisade, Kimberly, Malmo, McGrath and Jacobson exchanges in Aitkin County.

On March 11, 1986, the Commission approved the actual costs GTE Telephone Company (formerly known as Continental and Contel) incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service System in Aitkin County.

On January 27, 1987, the Commission approved the actual costs PTI Communications (formerly known as Northland) incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Service System in Aitkin County.

On March 3, 1987, the Commission approved the actual costs United Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service System in the Aitkin and Bennetville exchanges in Aitkin County.

On September 2, 1987, the Commission approved the actual costs U S West Communications

incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service System into service in Aitkin County.

On November 13, 1987, the Commission approved the revised costs United Telephone Company recertified for the provision of 911 Emergency Service in the Aitkin and Bennettville exchanges in Aitkin County.

On November 25, 1987, the Commission approved the additional actual costs U S West Communications incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service into service in the Bennettville exchange in Aitkin County.

On February 9, 1996, the Commission granted Independent Emergency Services Limited Liability Company (IES, LLC) a Certificate of Authority to provide certain telephone services such as Enhanced 911(E911), Private Switch/Automatic Location Identification, Trunking Services, E911 Tandem Services, and data management services throughout the State of Minnesota, excluding the seven-county metropolitan area: Anoka, Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington, Carver, Scott and Dakota.

On July 19, 1996, the Commission granted an amended certificate of authority to the Company to provide 911 Emergency Services in the seven-county metropolitan area.

On January 27, 1997, Aitkin County contracted for 911 Enhancement Service with IES, LLC.

On April 1, 1998, the Company placed tandem based Automatic Number Identification (ANI) service in the 911 Emergency Telephone Services System in Aitkin County.

Independent Emergency Services Limited Liability Company is now requesting Commission approval of the additional actual 911 system 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.

Independent Emergency Services Limited Liability Company 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 Aitkin 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 Aitkin 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 W. Haar
Executive Secretary

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

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

That on the ____ day of _____, 1998 (s)he served the attached **Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for Aitkin County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P-5270/ES-98-1390.**

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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a notary public, this _____ day of

_____, 1998.

Notary Public