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ORDER EXTENDING REPLY COMMENT PERIOD

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Edward A. Garvey	Chair
Joel Jacobs	Commissioner
Marshall Johnson	Commissioner
LeRoy Koppendrayner	Commissioner
Gregory Scott	Commissioner

In the Matter of a Commission Investigation
into the Practices of Incumbent Local
Exchange Carriers Regarding Shared Line
Access

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On May 17, 1999 the Commission opened this docket to investigate the role of “line sharing,” also known as spectrum unbundling, in encouraging local telephone competition. Initial comments were due June 28, 1999; reply comments were due July 12, 1999.

On June 28, 1999 15 persons filed initial comments.

On July 2, 1999 the Minnesota Telephone Association asked the Commission to move the reply comment deadline to July 30, 1999. The Association said that final comments in a related Federal Communications Commission investigation were due on July 15 and that reviewing these comments would enable them to submit more thorough comments to this Commission.

No one opposed extending the reply comment period.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission will extend the reply comment period as requested. This short delay will not prejudice any party, will not significantly slow this important initiative, and will ensure a more fully informed decision-making process.

The Commission will so order.

ORDER

1. The reply comment period in this case is hereby extended to July 30, 1999.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary

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