

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **Independent Emergency Services, LLC** 's Request for Approval of Certified Actual Costs Associated with the **Swift County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: August 14, 2000

DOCKET NO. **P5270/ES-99-1743**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911 SYSTEM COSTS

BACKGROUND

On May 12, 1981, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Swift County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On November 26, 1985, the Commission approved U S West Communications' actual costs incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Swift County.

On March 11, 1986, the Commission approved United Telephone Company's actual costs incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Swift County.

On April 29, 1986, the Commission approved Federated Telephone Company's actual costs incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Swift County.

On May 27, 1986, the Commission approved United Telephone Company's actual costs incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Swift County.

On August 19, 1986, the Commission approved the actual costs KMP Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Swift County.

On November 25, 1987, the Commission approved U S West Communications' actual costs incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Swift County.

On November 22, 1989, the Commission approved Federated Telephone Company's actual costs incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Swift County.

On February 4, 1999, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by Independent Emergency Services, LLC for a portion of the Automatic Number Identification (ANI) service

in the 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Swift County.

On August 4, 2000, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by Hutchinson Telephone Company for emergency lines needed for alternative routes necessary for a tandem based E911 service installed earlier by Independent Emergency Services, LLC in Swift County.

CURRENT FILING

On May 22, 1998, Swift County contracted with Independent Emergency Services, LLC (IES) for the installation of Automatic Location Identification (ALI) service in their 911 Emergency Services system.

On December 23, 1998, IES installed ALI service for the Holoway and Danvers Exchanges.

On March 3, 1999, IES installed ALI service for the Kerkhoven and Murdock Exchanges.

On August, 12, 1999, IES installed ALI for the Benson Exchange.

On November 1, 1999, IES installed ALI for the Appleton Exchange completing fully enhanced 911 services available to Public Service Answering Points (PSAP) in Swift County.

On November 24, 1999, IES certified actual costs incurred in providing ALI services to the various exchanges/dates listed in the 911 Emergency Services system in Swift County.

IES is now requesting Commission approval of the actual costs incurred in providing ALI Services to the Swift County 911 Emergency Services system. 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, LLC 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 Swift 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 Swift 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 pursuant to the Commission's March 21, 2000 Standing Order Designating Filings Requesting Certification of 911 Costs As Filings Subject to Approval Under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, Subd. 7, Docket No. P-999/CI-99-1723.
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 _____, 2000 (s)he served the attached **Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for Swift County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P5270/ES-99-1743.**

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

_____, 2000.

Notary Public