

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **Consolidated Telephone Company's** Request for Approval of Certified Actual Costs Associated with the Crow Wing **County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: August 28, 2000

DOCKET NO. **P-406/ES-00-853**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911 SYSTEM COSTS

BACKGROUND

On June 2, 1981, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Crow Wing County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services system.

On June 26, 1981, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Crow Wing County.

On October 8, 1981, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Crosslake Telephone Company for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Crow Wing County.

On May 15, 1984, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Crow Wing County.

On September 24, 1984, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Continental Telephone Company for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Crow Wing County.

On January 9, 1985, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Crow Wing County.

On November 19, 1985, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Consolidated Telephone Company for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Crow Wing County.

On November 6, 1987, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Crow Wing County.

On November 9, 1987, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Arvig Telephone Company for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Crow Wing County.

On December 29, 1992, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Emily Cooperative Telephone Company for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Crow Wing County.

On August 14, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Independent Emergency Service, Limited Liability Company for providing tandem based 911 services with Automatic Numbering Information (ANI) for a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Crow Wing County.

CURRENT FILING

On August 11, 1995, Crow Wing County contracted with Consolidated Telephone Company to install tandem based E911 services in their 911 Emergency Telephone Services system.

On July 1, 1996 Consolidated Telephone Company (the Company) installed tandem based ANI with two trunks for the telephone exchanges of Nokay Lake and Mission.

On November 30, 1999, the company installed Tandem base ANI with two interexchange circuits between Brainerd and Brainerd Public Service Answering Point (PSAP), Turtle River, Pequot Lakes, Nokay Lake, Nisswa, Ideal Corners, Garrison, Freedham, Emily, Deerwood, Crosslake, Crosby, Breezy Point, Brainerd CTC, Brainerd (US West), Mission, and St. Cloud Exchanges. These changes are tied into the E911 system provided by Independent Emergency Services, Limited Liability Company.

On June 1, 2000, the Company certified the actual costs it incurred for the provision of interexchange circuits/trunks for tandem based ANI in the above listed exchanges.

The Company is now requesting Commission approval of the actual costs incurred for interexchange circuits installed for tandem based ANI. 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.

Consolidated Telephone 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 Crow Wing 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 Crow Wing 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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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 Crow Wing County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P-406/ES-00-853.**

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