

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **Kasson Mantorville Telephone Company's** Request for Approval of Certified Actual Costs Associated with the **Nicollet County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: August 29, 2000

DOCKET NO. **P539/ES-00-855**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911 SYSTEM COSTS

BACKGROUND

On April 7, 1981, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Nicollet County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On August 3, 1988, the Commission approved the actual costs U S West Communications, Inc. (formerly known as Northwestern Bell) incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Nicollet County.

On December 12, 1995, the Commission approved the actual costs U S West Communications, Inc. incurred for placing Automatic Number Identification (ANI) and Local Location Identification (LLI) in the Nicollet County 911 Emergency System.

On May 1, 2000, the Commission approved the actual costs Independent Emergency Services, Limited Liability Company incurred for placing a portion of ANI in the 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Nicollet County.

CURRENT FILING

In 1999, Nicollet County contracted with Kasson Mantorville Telephone Company (the Company) for E911 Emergency Telephone Services.

On June 2, 1999, the Company placed interexchange circuits to the Lafayette, Nicollet, St. Peter and St. Peter Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) Exchanges as a portion of the installation for tandem based ANI service in the 911 Emergency Telephone Services System in Nicollet County.

On April 4, 2000, the Company certified the actual costs it incurred for placing interconnection circuits for the provision of ANI service.

The Company is now requesting Commission approval of the actual system costs for interexchange circuits for an ANI 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.

Kasson Mantorville 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 Nicollet 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 Nicollet 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 Nicollet County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P539/ES-00-855.**

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