

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 Dodge **County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: August 31, 2000

DOCKET NO. **P539/ES-00-862**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911 SYSTEM COSTS

**BACKGROUND**

On September 15, 1981, the Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Dodge County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services system.

On November 3, 1986, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Kasson Mantorville Telephone Company for costs incurred for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Services system in Dodge County.

On November 5, 1986, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Continental Telephone Company for costs incurred for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Services system in Dodge County.

On July 29, 1987, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for costs incurred for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Services system in Dodge County.

On November 13, 1987, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for installing another portion of the 911 Emergency Services system in Dodge County.

On August 9, 1989, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Kasson Mantorville Telephone Company for installing another portion of the 911 Emergency Services system in Dodge County.

**CURRENT FILING**

In 1999, Dodge County contracted with Kasson Mantorville Telephone Company (the Company) for E911 Emergency Telephone Services with Automatic Number Identification (ANI) and Automatic Location Identification (ALI).

On May 17, 1999, the Company placed interexchange circuits and outswitching trunks to the Kasson, Mantorville, Rock Dell and Mantorville 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 Dodge County. The Company also installed ALI services to the Kasson, Mantorville and Rockdell Exchanges.

On June 8, 2000, the Company certified the actual costs it incurred for placing interconnection circuits/trunks for the provision of ANI and ALI service.

The Company is now requesting Commission approval of the actual system costs for interexchange circuits/trunks for ANI and ALI systems. 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 Dodge 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 Dodge 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 Dodge County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P539/ES-00-862.**

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.

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Notary Public