

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 **Pine County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: September 5, 2000

DOCKET NO. **P-406/ES-00-1111**

ORDER APPROVING REVISED
CERTIFIED 911 SYSTEM COSTS

BACKGROUND

On May 5, 1981, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Pine County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On December 20, 1983, the Commission approved the actual costs U S West Communications Inc. incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Pine County.

On February 28, 1984, the Commission approved the actual costs GTE incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Pine County.

On May 22, 1984, the Commission approved the revised costs U S West Communications, Inc. incurred for their portion of the Pine County 911 Emergency Telephone Service.

On May 1, 2000, the Commission approved the actual costs IES,LLC incurred for placing a portion of Automatic Number Identification (ANI) in the Pine County Emergency Telephone Services system.

On July 7, 1999, Consolidated Telephone Company (the Company) installed interexchange circuits for tandem based ANI for the telephone exchanges of Askov, Denham, Finlayson, Hinckley, Nicherson, Pine City, Sandstone and Sturgeon Lake. Two ANI circuits were installed for each exchange.

On September 23, 1999, the Company certified the actual costs it incurred for the provision of ANI service in their 8 exchanges in Pine County.

On August 10, 2000, the Commission approved the actual costs Consolidated Telephone Company incurred for installing interexchange circuits for the provision of ANI in the 911 Emergency Services system in Pine County.

CURRENT FILING

On June 9, 2000, the Company made application to the Minnesota Department of Administration to revise their certification dated September 23, 1999, reflecting a change from a four-wire channel termination charge to a two-wire channel termination charge (\$54.76 reduction in cost per month per the Exchanges noted above).

The Company is now requesting Commission approval of the revised ANI system costs retroactive to July 7, 1999. 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 Pine County.

All charges listed on Attachment A are in accordance with the Company's tariffs.

The Commission finds that the revised costs for 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Pine 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 Pine County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P-406/ES-00-1111.**

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