

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 **Martin County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: September 25, 2000

DOCKET NO. **P5270/ES-00-1139**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911 SYSTEM COSTS

BACKGROUND

On September 27, 1983, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Martin County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone System.

On March 13, 1985, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Granada Telephone Company for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Martin County.

On September 26, 1985, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Central Telephone Company for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Martin County.

On March 3, 1986, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Martin County.

On May 14, 1986, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Dunnell Telephone Company for actual costs incurred for installing a portion of the 911 Emergency Telephone System for Martin County.

On August 14, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Independent Emergency Services, Limited Liability Company for tandem based E911 with Automatic Numbering Identification (ANI) for the 911 Emergency Services system in Martin County.

On August 31, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Kasson Mantorville Telephone Company for installing interexchange circuits for Automatic Number Identification (ANI) service in the 911 Emergency Services system in Martin County.

On September 11, 2000, the Commission approved actual cost incurred by Woodstock Telephone Company for installing interexchange circuits for a portion of ANI service in the 911 Emergency Services system in Martin County.

CURRENT FILING

On August 9, 1999, Martin County contracted with Independent Emergency Services, LLC (IES) for the installation of a portion Automatic Line Identification (ALI) service in their 911 Emergency Services system.

On March 13, 2000, IES installed databases and setups for ALI in the Fairmont, Ceylon, Welcome, Northrup, Truman, Trimont, Sherburn and East Chain Exchanges. IES also installed ALI database ports for Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) between the Fairmont and the Hutchinson and Annandale Exchanges.

On April 27, 2000, IES installed ALI for the Granada Exchange.

On June 22, 2000, IES installed ALI for the Dunnell Exchange.

On July 25, 2000, IES certified actual costs incurred in providing fully enhanced ALI services to some of the exchanges in the 911 Emergency Services system in Martin County.

IES is now requesting Commission approval of the actual costs of providing ALI services to some of the exchanges in Martin County. 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 Martin 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 Martin 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 Martin County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P5270/ES-00-1139.**

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

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Notary Public