

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 **Otter Tail County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: September 25, 2000

DOCKET NO. **P5270/ES-00-1198**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911 SYSTEM COSTS

BACKGROUND

On February 6, 1985, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Otter Tail County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On November 13, 1987, the Commission approved the actual costs Park Region Mutual Telephone Company incurred for placing central office equipment for a portion of the 911 Emergency Services system in Otter Tail County.

On March 16, 1988, the Commission approved the actual costs Hohman Telephone Company incurred for placing central office equipment for a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Otter Tail County.

On August 3, 1988, the Commission approved the actual costs Northwestern Bell Telephone Company incurred for placing central office equipment for a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Otter Tail County.

On December 21, 1988, the Commission approved the actual costs Midwest Telephone Company incurred for placing central office equipment for a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Otter Tail County.

On November 27, 1991, the Commission approved the actual costs East Otter Tail Telephone Company incurred for placing central office equipment for a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Otter Tail County.

On May 1, 2000, the Commission approved the actual costs Independent Emergency Services, Limited Liability Company incurred for installing a portion of tandem based Automatic Number Identification (ANI) in the 911 Emergency Services system in Otter Tail County.

CURRENT FILING

On August 11, 1998, Otter Tail County contracted with Independent Emergency Services, LLC (IES) for the installation of a portion 911 service in their 911 Emergency Services system.

On August 31, 1999, IES installed 2 incoming trunk ports for 10 digit ANI from the Perham Selective Router to the Rothsay Exchange.

On June 5, 2000, IES installed setups for Automatic Location Identification (ALI) and ALI databases for the Urbank, Parkers Prairie, and Pelican Rapids Exchanges.

On June 21, 2000, IES installed setups for ALI and ALI databases for the Rothsay Exchange.

On July 25, 2000, IES certified actual costs incurred in providing enhanced ANI and ALI services to some exchanges in the 911 Emergency Services system in Otter Tail County.

IES is now requesting Commission approval of the actual costs of providing ANI and ALI services to exchanges in Otter Tail 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 Otter Tail 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 Otter Tail

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 Otter Tail County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P5270/ES-00-1198.**

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