

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **Qwest's** Request for  
Approval of Certified Actual Costs Associated  
with the 911 Emergency Telephone Services  
System

ISSUE DATE: November 6, 2000

DOCKET NO. **P421/ES-00-1372**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911  
SYSTEM COSTS

**BACKGROUND**

On December 16, 1980, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved the Seven County Metropolitan final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Services system. The Seven County Metropolitan area includes the following counties: Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

On August 22, 1983, the Commission approved actual cost incurred by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for the capital costs of 911 central office equipment and central office annual recurring costs for the Granville, Market, Humbolt, 38th St., 24th Ave. Bryant, Excelsior, Navarre, Brooklyn Center, Burnsville, Coon Rapids, Eden Prairie, Elk River, Fort Snelling, Hanover, Penn, Spring Lake Park, Shakopee, 7th Ave., Maplewood, Lexington, Forest Lake, Stillwater, Beech, Cottage Grove, Cleveland, Emerson, Maplewood, Midway, Oakdale, Park Row, Rice St., Soderville, St. Croix Beech, White Bear, Anoka, Beard, Cedar, Crystal, Downtown 00, Downtown 01, Franklin, Fridley, Glen Prairie, Hamel, Hopkins, Normandale, Oak Grove, Orchard, South, Wayzata, 7th Ave., 66th St., and Fernbrook Exchanges. In addition, the main exchanges were provided with Selective Routing (SR) with Automatic Number Identification (ANI) and Automatic Location Identification (ALI) (647,000 numbers). Other main exchanges were provided with ANI and ALI (471,000 numbers) and other main stations were provided with SR for ANI service (15,000 numbers). These installations were provided to setup a 911 Emergency Services system in the Seven County Metropolitan Area.

On August 22, 1983, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by United Telephone Company for the capital costs of 911 central office equipment, central office annual recurring costs, and monthly costs for outswitching trunks for the Cologne, Norwood, Victoria, Waconia, Rogers, Osseo, Chaska, and Hastings Exchanges, as part of the 911 Emergency Services System in the Seven County Metropolitan Area.

On November 16, 1983, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Continental

Telephone Company for the capital costs of 911 central office equipment, central office annual recurring costs, and monthly recurring costs for outswitching trunks and interexchange circuits for the Maple Plain, Mayer, Mound, St. Bonifacius, New Germany, Scandia Marine, Watertown, and Wyoming Exchanges as part of the 911 Emergency Services System in the Seven County Metropolitan Area.

On February 21, 1984, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for monthly recurring costs for intraexchange circuits for the Minneapolis 331 Exchange in the 911 Emergency Services system in the Seven County Metropolitan Area.

On April 24, 1984, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by Central Telephone Company for the capital costs of 911 central office equipment, central office annual recurring costs, and month recurring costs for 911 trunks and interexchange/intraexchange equipment for the Apple Valley, Lakeville, Burnsville, Jordan, Belle Plaine, Farmington, and Rosemont Exchanges as part of the 911 Emergency Services system in the Seven County Metropolitan Area.

On March 5, 1986, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by Scott Rice Telephone Company for the capital costs of 911 central office equipment, central office annual recurring costs and monthly recurring costs for 911 trunks to the Prior Lake and New Market Exchanges as part of the 911 Emergency Services System in the Seven County Metropolitan Area.

On May 19, 1995, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by U S West Communications for combined ANI, ALI, and SR services for the Market Street Exchange to route 911 calls to the West St.Paul Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) in Dakota County.

### **CURRENT FILING**

On February 17, 1997, Qwest completed substantial improvements to the Seven County Metropolitan Area 911 Emergency Services system by adding additional End Office ANI Trunks, Control Office Trunks, ALI Databases and additional 911 Transport Channels to the Afton, Anoka, Apple Valley PSAP, Beard, Beech, Belle Plaine, Blaine, Bloomington South, Bloomington Cedar, Bloomington PSAP, Burnsville, Burnesville PSAP, South Brns., Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn PSAP, Bryant, Carver County PSAP, Central Avenue, Chaska, Cleveland MPLS, Cologne, Coon Rapids, Cottage Grove, Cottage Grove PSAP, Crystal Exchange, Eagan PSAP, Eagen, Eden Prairie, Edina, Emerson St. Paul, Excelsior, Farmington, Forest Lake, Fort Snelling, Franklin MPLs, Fridley, Front St. Paul, Glen Prairie, Hamel, Hanover, Dakota County PSAP, Hastings, Hennepin East PSAP, Hennepin N PSAP, Hennepin S PSAP, Hopkins, Hopkings PSAP, Jordan, Lakeville PSAP, Lakeville, Maple Grove, Maple Plain, Maplewood, Maplewood PSAP, Market Street, Mayer, MAC-Airport PSAP, Midway St. Paul, Downtown, 7th Ave., 24th Ave. Minneapolis PSAP, Minnetonka PSAP, Mound, Navarre, New Germany, New Market, New Prague, Normandale, Norwood, Oak Grove, Orchard, Osseo, Park Row, Penn, Pillsbury, Plymouth, Prior Lake, Ramsey County PSAP, Richfield, Richfield PSAP, Rogers, Rosemont, St. Bonifacius, St. Louis Park PSAP, St. Paul Fire PSAP, St. Paul Police PSAP, Scandia, Scott County PSAP, Shakopee,

Shoreview, Soderville, Stillwater, Victoria, Waconia, Washington County PSAP, Watertown, Wayzata, West St. Paul PSAP, West St. Paul, White Bear Lake PSAP, White Bear Lake, and Wyoming Exchanges. These improvements were certified as being completed on February 17, 1997 and continued through September 30, 1997.

On October 1, 1997, Qwest completed further enhancements to the 911 Emergency Services system in the Seven County Metropolitan Area by adding diversity with dual tandems, including additional Control Office Trunks, Data Base enhancements, and more 911 transport channels to all of the exchanges listed above. These improvements were certified as being completed on October 1, 1997 and continue through the present.

On October 1, 1997, Qwest added Emergency Service Backup services to the Hamel, Hannover, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Nararre, Oakgrove, and Soderville Exchanges.

On May 22, 2000, Qwest certified actual costs for the enhancements to the ANI, ALI, SR, Diversity with dual tandems and Emergency Service Backup Services with dual tandems for the 911 Emergency Services System in the Seven County Metropolitan Area.

Qwest is now requesting Commission approval of the actual costs to enhance the ANI, ALI, SR, Diversity, and Emergency Service Backup services in the Seven County Metropolitan County Area. 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.

Qwest 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 to the Seven County Metropolitan Area.

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 for the Seven County Metropolitan Area, 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 Qwest's 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P421/ES-00-1372.**

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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