

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 **Big Stone County** 911 Emergency
Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: January 3, 2001

DOCKET NO. **P-421/ES-00-1722**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911
SYSTEM COSTS

BACKGROUND

On April 7, 1987, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Big Stone County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On December 21, 1988, the Commission approved the actual costs Federated Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Big Stone County.

On June 27, 1990, the Commission approved the actual costs U S West Communications, Inc. (formerly known as Northwestern Bell) incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Big Stone County.

On December 2, 1997, the Commission approved the actual costs Federated Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Big Stone County.

On August 3, 2000, the Commission approved the actual costs Hutchinson Telephone Company incurred for placing tandem based Automatic Number Identification (ANI) and Selective Router (SR) services in the Big Stone County 911 Emergency Services system.

CURRENT FILING

On May 4, 1999, Qwest installed two each interexchange circuits from their Beardsley, Clinton, Correll, Graceville, and Odessa Exchanges to the St. Cloud Exchange for router based ANI service.

On May 4, 1999, the Company also installed four outswitch trunks and seven interexchange

circuits from their Ortonville Exchange to the St. Cloud Exchanger for router based ANI service.

On December 15, 2000, Qwest certified the actual costs it incurred for the provision of router based ANI service to the Big Stone County 911 Emergency Services system.

Qwest is now requesting Commission approval of the actual ANI system costs. 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 in Big Stone 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 Big Stone 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 Big Stone County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P-421/ES-00-1722.**

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