

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Gregory Scott	Chair
Joel Jacobs	Commissioner
Marshall Johnson	Commissioner
Edward Garvey	Commissioner
LeRoy Koppendrayer	Commissioner

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

ISSUE DATE: March 2, 2001

DOCKET NO. **P575/ES-01-245**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911 SYSTEM COSTS

**BACKGROUND**

On May 12, 1981, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Cottonwood County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On October 30, 1981, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for installing an interexchange line to the Windom Exchange for a part of the 911 Emergency Services system in Cottonwood County.

On September 15, 1983, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for the capital costs of installing 911 Central Office equipment and outswitching trunks in the Westbrook, and Jeffers Exchanges and interexchange circuit to the Mountain Lake Exchange.

On November 17, 1983, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by Continental Telephone Company for the provision of outswitching trunks for a part of the 911 Emergency Services system in Cottonwood County.

**CURRENT FILING**

Cottonwood County has contracted with Woodstock Telephone Company (the Company) to provide router services for their 911 Emergency Services system.

On December 12, 2000, the Company installed two interexchange circuits each from the Delft, Jeffers, Mountain Lake, Westbrook and Windon Exchanges to the Ruthton Selective Router. The Company also installed four interexchange circuits from the Windon Public Safety

Answering Point (PSAP) to the Ruthton Selective Router to provide enhanced 911 Emergency services with Automatic Number Identification (ANI).

On February 6, 2001, the Company certified the actual costs it incurred for the provision of interexchange circuits for ANI service in the Cottonwood County 911 Emergency Services system.

The Company 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.

Woodstock 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 Cottonwood 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 Cottonwood 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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2001 (s)he served the attached **Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for the Cottonwood County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P575/ES-01-245.**

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,

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\_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

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Notary Public