

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 **Meeker County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: March 15, 2001

DOCKET NO. **P5270/ES-01-292**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911 SYSTEM COSTS

BACKGROUND

On August 25, 1981, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Meeker County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services system.

On August 12, 1983, the Commission approved Continental Telephone Company's actual costs incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Meeker County.

On February 21, 1984, the Commission approved Northwestern Bell Telephone Company's actual costs incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Meeker County.

On October 23, 1984, the Commission approved United Telephone Company's actual costs incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Meeker County.

On December 29, 1988, the Commission approved U S West Communication's actual costs incurred a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Meeker County.

On October 23, 1995, the Commission approved GTE Telephone Company's actual costs incurred for adding a portion of Automatic Number Identification (ANI) to the 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Meeker County.

On October 31, 1996, the Commission approved US West Communication's actual costs incurred for adding a portion of ANI to the 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Meeker County.

On November 13, 1996, the Commission approved Melrose Telephone Company's actual costs incurred for adding a portion of a 911 Emergency Services system in Meeker County.

On August 7, 1997, the Commission approved Melrose Telephone Company's actual costs incurred for adding two trunks and a portion of the ANI system to the 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Meeker County.

On July 22, 1998, the Commission approved Melrose Telephone Company's actual costs incurred for adding a portion of Automatic Location Identification (ALI) system to the 911 Emergency Telephone Services system in Meeker County.

On August 12, 2000, the Commission approved Independent Emergency Services, LLC's actual costs incurred for adding tandem based E911 services with ANI including two PSAP trunk ports from the Hutchinson to Litchfield Exchanges.

On November 17, 2000, the Commission approved Independent Emergency Services, LLC's actual cost incurred for the installation of tandem dial-out ports for ALI database ports between the Hutchinson to Litchfield and Annadale to Litchfield Exchanges.

CURRENT FILING

Meeker County contracted with Independent Emergency Services, LLC (IES) for the installation of enhanced 911 with tandem based ANI and ALI and Selective Routing for their 911 Emergency Services system.

On January 16, 2001, IES installed two, each, incoming trunk ports with 10 digit ANI from the Cosmos, Dassel, Grove City, and Litchfield Exchanges to the Hutchinson Selective Router (SR). IES also installed 8900 ALI/Non-SR records for the Dassel, Grove City and Litchfield Exchanges.

On January 22, 2001, IES installed 600 ALI/SR records for the Cosmos Exchange.

On February 6, 2001, IES certified actual costs incurred in providing incoming trunk ports for future interexchange circuits to the Hutchinson SR and the setup of ALI records for the 911 Emergency Services system in Meeker County.

IES is now requesting Commission approval of the actual costs of providing a portion of the trunk ports and ALI records. 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 Meeker 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 Meeker 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 _____, 2001 (s)he served the attached **Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for Meeker County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P5270/ES-01-292.**

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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_____, 2001.

Notary Public