

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **Independent Emergency Service, L.L.C** 's Request for Approval of Certified Actual Costs Associated with the **Kandiyohi County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

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DOCKET NO. **P5270/ES-01-293**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911 SYSTEM COSTS

BACKGROUND

On May 29, 1984, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Kandiyohi County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services system.

On May 21, 1987, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by KMP Telephone Company for the capital costs of central office 911 equipment in the Pennock Exchange.

On March 2, 1988, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by Mid-State Telephone Company for the capital costs of central office 911 equipment in the Irving and Sunburg Exchanges. They also installed outswitching trunks for the Spicer, New London, Irving and Sunburg Exchanges for part of the 911 Emergency Services system in Kandiyohi County.

On October 25, 1988, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by Continental Telephone Company for the capital costs of 911 equipment for the Kandiyohi, Lake Lillian, Raymond, and Svea Exchanges. They also installed 911 outswitching trunks for the Atwater, Kandiyohi, Lake Lillian, Prinsburg, Raymond, and Svea Exchanges for part of the 911 Emergency Services system in Kandiyohi County..

On December 12, 1995, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by US West Communications for the installation of Main Stations and for the implementation of Automatic Number Identifications (ANI) and Automatic Line Identification (ALI) for the Willmar, Irving, New London, Pennock, Spicer, Sunberg, Atwater, Kandiyohi, Lake Lillian, Prinsburg, Raymond, and Svea Exchanges.

On March 13, 1996, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by GTE Telephone

Company for the installation of Intraexchange circuits for the Prinsburg, Raymond and Svea Exchanges for additional upgrades in 911 services to include ANI and ALI. for the Kandiyohi County Emergency Services system.

CURRENT FILING

On May 3, 2000, Kandiyohi County contracted with Independent Emergency Services, LLC (IES) as their provider of Enhanced 911 Emergency Services with tandem based ANI, ALI and Selective Routing (SR).

On January 21, 2001, IES installed two, each, 10 digit incoming trunk ports for the Atwater, Kandiyohi, Lake Lillian, New London, Pennock, Prinsburg, Raymond, Spicer, Sunberg, Svea and Willmar Exchanges for the future provision of router based 911 services. IES also installed 20,700 ALI/Non-SR records and 1300 ALI/SR records for the above listed Exchanges. IES also installed four trunk ports for future Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) between the Hutchinson and Willmar Exchanges. and ALI database ports for PSAP use between the Hutchinson and Willmar and Annandale to Willmar Exchanges.

On February 6, 2001, IES certified actual costs incurred in providing trunk ports and ALI records for the Exchanges listed for enhanced 911 services with future router interconnections in the Kandiyohi County Emergency Services system..

IES is now requesting Commission approval of the actual costs of providing enhanced 911 services to these exchanges. 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 Kandiyohi 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 Kandiyohi 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 Kandiyohi County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P5270/ES-01-293.**

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