

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company's** Request for Approval of Certified Actual Costs Associated with the **Faribault County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: March 27, 2001

DOCKET NO. **P539/ES-01-381**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911 SYSTEM COSTS

**BACKGROUND**

On January 6, 1987, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Faribault County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On November 10, 1988, the Commission approved the actual costs Cannon Valley Telecom incurred for placing a portion of 911 Emergency Telephone Service System in Faribault County.

On December 28, 1988, the Commission approved the actual costs U S West incurred for placing a portion of 911 Services in Faribault County.

In December 29, 1988, the Commission approved the actual costs Delavan Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of 911 services in Faribault County.

On April 3, 1991, the Commission approved the actual costs Blue Earth Valley Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of 911 Service in Faribault County.

On December 21, 1998, the Commission approved the actual costs Minnesota Lake Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of 911 services in Faribault County.

On January 18, 2000, the Commission approved the actual costs that Cannon Valley Telecom incurred for installing a portion of Automatic Number Identification (ANI) and Automatic Location Identification (ALI) services in the 911 Emergency Services System in Faribault County.

On May 1, 2000, the Commission approved the actual costs that Cannon Valley Telecom incurred for installing a portion of Local Location Identification (LLI) service in the Fairbault County 911 Emergency Services system.

On August 4, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Hutchinson Telephone Company for installing a portion of ALI in the 911 Emergency Services system in Faribault County

On August 22, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Independent Emergency Services, Limited Liability Company for installing a portion of ALI in the 911 Emergency Services system in Faribault County.

On August 22, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association for installing a portion of ALI in the 911 Emergency Services system in Faribault County.

On August 31, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Kasson Mantorville Telephone Company for installing interexchange circuits for a portion of ANI service in the 911 Emergency Services system in Faribault County.

On September 25, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Delavan Telephone Company for installing access lines and ports for ALI service to the Delavan Exchange for a portion of the 911 Emergency Services system in Faribault County.

On November 17, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Minnesota Lake Telephone Company for installing outswitch trunks, interexchange circuits, and access line data bases for the provision of ANI and ALI to their Minnesota Lake Exchange in Faribault County.

On November 21, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Blue Earth Valley Telephone Company for installing outswitch trunks, interexchange circuits, and access line databases from the Blue Earth, Elmore, Guckeen, Huntley, Winnebago, and Wells Exchanges to the Kasson Mantorville Exchange for the provision of ANI and ALI.

### **CURRENT FILING**

The County has accepted plans to add router based ANI, ALI and Selective Routing (SR) to their 911 Emergency Services system. With most of these installations completed, Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company (the Company) is now providing circuits for the appropriate routing of wireless 911 calls.

On August 16, 2000, the Company installed two, one party, Business (B1) lines for routing of 911 calls to Exchanges in Faribault County.

On February 28, 2001, the Company certified actual costs for installing the BI lines in

Faribault County.

The Company is now requesting Commission approval of the actual costs of the BI lines installed to route wireless 911 calls in the 911 Emergency Services system in Faribault County. 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.

Kasson & Mantorville 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 Faribault 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 Faribault 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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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 Faribault County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P539/ES-01-381.**

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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a notary public, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

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

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Notary Public