

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Gregory Scott
Joel Jacobs
Marshall Johnson
Edward Garvey
LeRoy Koppendrayer

Chair
Commissioner
Commissioner
Commissioner
Commissioner

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

ISSUE DATE: March 27, 2001

DOCKET NO. **P539/ES-01-392**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911 SYSTEM COSTS

BACKGROUND

On November 24, 1981, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Houston County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone System.

On September 13, 1985, the Commission approved actual cost incurred by Spring Grove Cooperative Telephone Company for installing a portion of the Central Office Equipment needed to switch calls to the 911 Emergency Services System in Houston County.

On September 26, 1985, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for installing a portion of the Central Office Equipment needed to switch calls to the 911 Emergency Services System in Houston County.

On January 29, 1986, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Ace Telephone Association for installing a portion of the Central Office Equipment needed to switch calls to the 911 Emergency Services System in Houston County.

On August 22, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Independent Emergency Services, Limited Liability Company for installing a portion of Automatic Number Identification (ANI) system in the 911 Emergency Services system in Houston County.

On August 29, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Kasson Mantorville Telephone Company for installing interexchange circuits for a portion of ANI in the 911 Emergency Services system in Houston County.

On September 11, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by Ace Link

Telecommunications for installing interexchange circuits between the Caledonia and Kasson Exchanges. in the Emergency Services system in Houston County.

CURRENT FILING

The County has accepted plans to add router based ANI, Automatic Location Identification (ALI) and Selective Routing (SR) to the 911 Emergency Services system. With most of these installations completed, Kasson & Mantorville (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 to selective routers for routing of wireless 911 calls from Exchanges in Houston County.

On February 28, 2001, the Company certified the actual costs it incurred for installing the B1 lines in Houston County.

The Company is now requesting Commission approval of the actual costs of the B1 lines installed to route wireless 911 call in the 911 Emergency Services system in Houston 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 Houston 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 Houston 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

(S E A L)

This document can be made available in alternative formats (i.e., large print or audio tape) by calling (612)297-4596 (voice), (612)297-1200, or 1-800-627-3529 (TTY relay service).

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)SS
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 Houston County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P539/ES-01-392.**

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

XX By personal service

XX By inter-office mail

to all persons at the addresses indicated below or on the attached list:

JAMES R BEUTELSPACHER
STATE 9-1-1 PROJECT MANAGER
BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
500 CENTENNIAL OFFICE BUILDING
658 CEDAR STREET
ST PAUL MN 55155

MARY K EHMKE
KASSON & MANTORVILLE
TELEPHONE COMPANY
18 SECOND AVENUE NW
KASSON, MN 55944

MARY K FRISCH
PRODUCT ANALYST
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
ROOM 510
658 CEDAR STREET
ST. PAUL, MN 55155

Subscribed and sworn to before me, _____

a notary public, this _____ day of

_____, 2000.

Notary Public