

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition of Federated Telephone Cooperative, Garden Valley Telephone Company, Hutchinson Telephone Company, and Western Telephone Company for Approval of the Path 2 Elections of Federal High-Cost Universal Service Support Disaggregation Plans

The above entitled matter has been considered by the Commission and the following disposition made:

**The Commission approves the proposed plans of Hutchinson, Federated, Garden Valley and Western for the disaggregation and targeting of universal service support without further investigation at this time;**

**The Commission will retain continued oversight of the plans. In particular, in the future, the Commission may review one or more of the following issues in these plans;**

**The cost model used**

**The inputs (especially line counts) used in the cost model**

**The definition of the sub-exchange level zones**

**The method by which cost estimates for the sub-exchange zones are developed (e.g., how clusters are assigned to the city boundary)**

**The Commission reasserts its ongoing authority to require, on its own motion, or upon petition by an interested party, the disaggregation and targeting of support in a different manner at any time;**

**Since the Commission has the authority to certify future Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC's) in Minnesota, the Commission will consider the level of disaggregation of support in any such certification proceedings within the petitioning carriers' service area;**

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**Since a disaggregation method for any state universal service fund (Docket No. P999/CI-00-829) has not yet been determined, the Commission will assert its authority to determine and rule upon a disaggregation and targeting method for state universal service funding independently of any method approved in the current dockets.**

The Commission agrees with and adopts the recommendations of the Department of Commerce of July 2 and August 8, 2002, which are attached and hereby incorporated in the Order.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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