

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Request by Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative to Amend its Certificate of Authority to Expand its Service Area

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

**Approved the proposal of Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative to amend its certificate of authority to allow the Company to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange service to the Grand Rapids exchange in the area surrounding the City of Bemidji which are currently served by Qwest Corporation, as delineated on the service area maps included with the filing of September 19, 2002.**

**The Company is required to comply with the requirements of Minn. Rules pt. 7812.0550 and receive Commission approval of its revised 911 plan before it begins operating in its expanded service area.**

**This decision is issued by the Commission's consent calendar subcommittee, under a delegation of authority granted under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, subd. 8 (a). Unless a party, a participant, or a**

**Commissioner files an objection to this decision within ten days of receiving it, it will become the Order of the full Commission under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, subd. 8 (b).**

The Commission agrees with and adopts the recommendations of the Department of Commerce which are attached and hereby incorporated in the Order.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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