

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: June 6, 2022

In the Matter of a Formal Complaint and Request for Expedited Relief Initiated by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) Regarding the Delivery and the Compensation Related to the 911 Network by Christensen Communications Company, Johnson Telephone Company, KMTelecom, Park Region Telephone Co., Valley Telephone Company, Rothsay Telephone Company, Otter Tail Telecom, LLC, Wikstrom Telephone Company, Gardenville Cooperative Telephone Association, and Bevcomm Inc.

PUC Docket Number(s): P5903, P432, P560, P567, P422, P539, P537, P545, P527, P5446/C-22-245

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes July 8, 2022 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes July 29, 2022 at 4:30pm

Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.

Issue: Should the Commission open an investigation of the matters alleged in the DPS complaint?

Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Does the Commission have jurisdiction over the matters alleged in the complaint?
- Are there reasonable grounds to investigate the allegation?
- If the Commission opens an investigation, should a contested case, informal, expedited, or some other proceeding be used and why?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Background

On May 27, 2022, Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) filed a Verified Complaint pursuant to [Minn. R. 7829.1700-.1800](#), against Christensen Communications Company, Johnson Telephone Company, KMTelecom, Park Region Telephone Co., Valley Telephone Company, Rothsay Telephone Company, Otter Tail Telecom, LLC, Wikstrom Telephone Company, Gardenville Cooperative Telephone Association, and Bevcomm Inc. (Respondents). In connection with implementing the next-generation 911 system, DPS contacted local exchange carriers (LECs) to discuss arrangements for migrating to new points of interconnection ("POIs"). The DPS indicated most LECs have cooperated with the effort and DPS has agreed to pay individual case-based rates that reasonably compensate those LECs for their costs of delivering 911 calls to the new POIs.

In its complaint the DPS alleges the Respondents have conditioned their willingness to interconnect at the DPS-designated POIs on DPS's agreement to pay charges based on tariffs that DPS alleges are outdated and no longer reflect how customers access the 911 network or that are otherwise not applicable to 911 service. As such, DPS brought the Verified Complaint to remedy what it considered to be the unreasonable conditions and rates that the Respondents sought to impose on their provision of 911 interconnectivity. DPS requests a Commission decision not later than August 2022 to avoid disruption to Phase 2 implementation of the Next Generation 911 transition.

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I, Chrishna Beard, hereby certify that I have this day, served a true and correct copy of the following document to all persons at the addresses indicated below or on the attached list by electronic filing, electronic mail, courier, interoffice mail or by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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Dated this 6th day of June, 2022

/s/ Chrishna Beard

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