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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

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| In the Matter of |) | |
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| The Petition of the State of Minnesota, |) | CC Docket No. 98-1 |
| Acting by and Through the Minnesota |) | |
| Department of Transportation and the |) | |
| Minnesota Department of |) | |
| Administration, for a Declaratory Ruling |) | |
| Regarding the Effect of Sections 253(a), |) | |
| (b) and (c) of the Telecommunications |) | |
| Act of 1996 on an Agreement to Install |) | |
| Fiber Optic Wholesale Transport |) | |
| Capacity in State Freeway Right-of-Way |) | |

ORDER

Adopted: March 19, 1998

Released: March 19, 1998

By the Chief, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau:

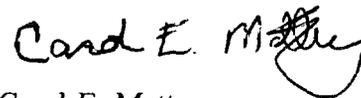
1. On March 17, 1998, the State of Minnesota filed a motion seeking an extension of time to file reply comments regarding the above-captioned petition for declaratory ruling. The State of Minnesota states that the number of comments submitted are voluminous and that it needs additional time to respond to various allegations made by the many opponents of the petition.

2. It is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time are not routinely granted.¹ In this instance, however, no party objects to a three-week extension of the deadline for filing reply comments regarding the State of Minnesota petition. Under these circumstances, we will grant all parties a three-week extension of the deadline for filing reply comments regarding the petition. Reply comments will be due three weeks from the release date of this Order.

¹ See section 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 1.46.

3. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the motion for extension of time filed by the State of Minnesota IS GRANTED and the deadline for filing reply comments in this proceeding IS EXTENDED until April 9, 1998.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol E. Mathey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end of the name.

Carol E. Mathey
Chief, Policy and Program Planning Division
Common Carrier Bureau