

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
SPECIAL ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, WARREN SPANNAUS, Attorney General of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by statute, and upon the written request of the Minnesota Department of Public Service (a copy of which is attached), do hereby constitute and appoint

JOHN B. VAN DE NORTH, JR.

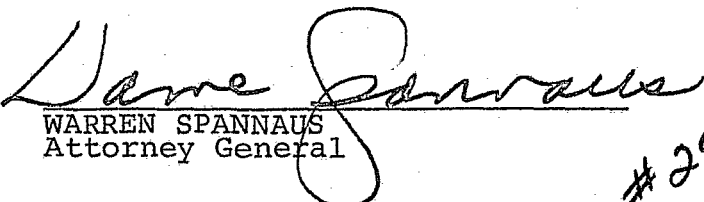
of St. Paul, Minnesota, as Special Attorney for the purpose of providing legal services to the Minnesota Department of Public Service in the following matter pending before the Minnesota Public Service Commission: Petition of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for rehearing, reconsideration and vacation of portions of the Commission's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order dated February 10, 1976 (PSC Docket No. M-5405 on remand from Ramsey County District Court). This appointment shall become effective March 20, 1976, and is subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth:

1. REPORTS. The Special Attorney shall submit a monthly report setting forth in detail his activities regarding this appointment.

2. COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES. As compensation for satisfactory performance of the duties herein described, the Special Attorney shall be compensated on a fee basis of \$35.00 per hour, not to exceed a total of \$3,000. In addition to that amount, the Special Attorney shall be paid reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for travel, meals and lodging incurred in the performance of his duties for the Minnesota Department of Public Service pursuant to this special appointment, not to exceed \$50.00. All compensation and expenses shall be paid from funds appropriated to the Minnesota Department of Public Service.

3. STATUS. The Special Attorney shall not be considered a state employee, shall not be eligible for the state's life insurance or basic health benefits coverage and shall not accrue vacation or sick leave or any benefits other than those expressly provided herein.

Executed in St. Paul, Minnesota, this 18th day of March, 1976.


WARREN SPANNAUS
Attorney General

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

I, JOHN B. VAN DE NORTH, JR., do swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of this State and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the position of Special Attorney under the terms and conditions of this appointment to the best of my judgment and ability, so help me.

Handwritten signature of John B. Van de North, Jr.
JOHN B. VAN DE NORTH, JR.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of March, 1976.

Handwritten signature of Janet C. Thell
Notary Public

JANET C. THELL
Notary Public, Dakota Co., Minn.
My Commission Expires
Jan. 1, 1983

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FILED
MAR 29 1976
Handwritten signature of Janet Anderson Thell
Secretary of State

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17 March 76

The Honorable Warren Spannaus
Attorney General
102 State Capitol
Saint Paul MN 55155

The Minnesota Department of Public Service, with the concurrence of the Minnesota Public Service Commission, hereby requests that John B. Van de North, Jr., be appointed as Special Counsel for the purpose of providing legal services in the following matter pending before the Minnesota Public Service Commission: Petition of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for rehearing, reconsideration and vacation of portions of the Commission's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order dated February 10, 1976 (PSC Docket No. M-5405 on remand from Ramsey County District Court).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



LAWRENCE J. ANDERSON
Director
Department of Public Service

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