

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.

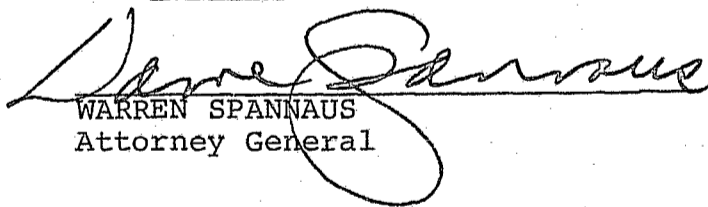
of St. Paul, Minnesota, as Special Attorney for the pupose of providing legal services to the Minnesota Department of Public Service in the following matter pending before the Ramsey County District Court: In the Matter of the Application of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for an Order Sanctioning Temporary and Permanent Increases in Rates and Charges for Telephone Service Furnished by the Company Within the State of Minnesota (PSC Docket No. M-5405), and to serve at the pleasure of the Attorney General. This appointment shall be effective May 17, 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 \$5,000. 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.

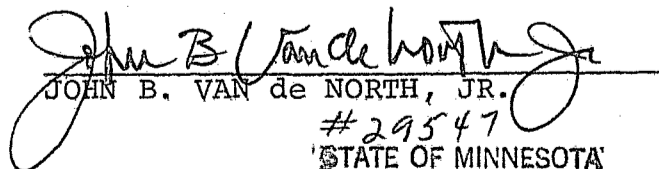
3. STATUS. The Special Attorney shall not be considered a state employee, shall not be eligible for the state's life insurance or basic health benefits coverage and shall not accrue vacation or sick leave or any benefits other than those expressly provided herein.

Executed in St. Paul, Minnesota, this 24th day of May, 1975.



WARREN SPANNAUS
Attorney General

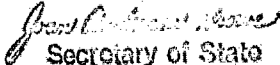
STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

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.


JOHN B. VAN de NORTH, JR.
#29547

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of May, 1976.


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

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Secretary of State

Mr Lawrence J Anderson, Director
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE
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Kellogg & Robert Streets
Saint Paul MN 55101

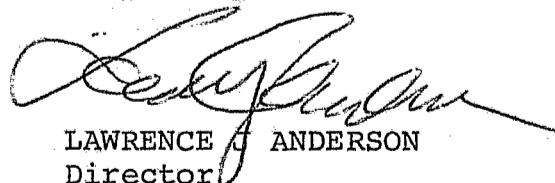
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The Honorable Warren Spannaus
Attorney General
102 State Capitol
Saint Paul MN 55155

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 Ramsey County District Court: In the matter of the application of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for an Order sanctioning temporary and permanent increases in rates and charges for telephone service furnished by the Company within the State of Minnesota (PSC Docket No. 5405).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,


LAWRENCE J. ANDERSON
Director

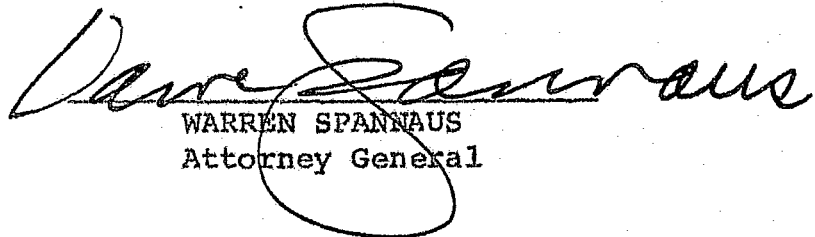
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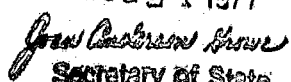
TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ATTORNEY

The appointment filed with the Secretary of State on
May 25, 1976, of John B. Van de North, Jr.
of St. Paul, Minnesota, as special attorney(s) for the
purpose of providing legal services to the Minnesota Department
of Public Service in the following matter pending before the Ramsey
County District Court: In the Matter of the Application of
Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for an Order Sanctioning
Temporary and Permanent Increases in Rates & Charges for Telephone Service
Furnished by the Company Within the State of Minnesota
is hereby terminated.

Executed in St. Paul, Minnesota, this 13th day of

June, 1977.


WARREN SPANNAUS
Attorney General

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Secretary of State