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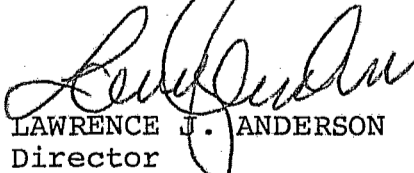
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The Honorable Warren Spannaus
Attorney General
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The Minnesota Department of Public Service, with the concurrence of the Minnesota Public Service Commission, hereby requests that John B. Van de North, Jr. be appointed as Special Counsel for the purpose of providing legal services in the following matter pending before the Minnesota Supreme 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