

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The Commission, on its own motion, to determine the surcharge for the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund.

) Application No. 911-002  
 )  
 ) ORDER SETTING SURCHARGE  
 )  
 ) Entered: October 1, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission opened this docket on August 20, 2002, to determine the surcharge for the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund (Fund), as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-2203. The Commission held a hearing in this matter on September 19, 2002, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, Lincoln, Nebraska.

E V I D E N C E

Kara Thielen, Director of the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund, testified as follows: She recommends that the surcharge remain at the current level of 50 cents per access line, per month. The Fund has a balance of nearly \$3.8 million dollars. Nearly \$520,000 has been distributed on behalf of public safety answering points (PSAPs) and wireless carriers; however, the Commission has approved almost \$1.3 million in non-recurring costs, and almost \$114,000 in monthly recurring costs for areas that will be implemented soon. Ms. Thielen testified that the reason for the difference in what has been approved and what has been paid is simply due to the timing of implementation. She anticipates that invoices for approved costs will be coming in over the next six months, which will result in a gradual increase in payments over the next six months.

Ms. Thielen further testified that 15 PSAPs have been approved for funding, and that she expects about 47 additional PSAPs will be applying for funds. She stated that Phase II wireless enhanced 911 costs are uncertain, and that some carriers anticipate having very high costs.

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Based upon the evidence adduced at the hearing, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the surcharge should remain at the current level of 50 cents per wireless access line, per month. Each wireless carrier who has a subscriber with a billing address in Nebraska must collect the surcharge and remit it to the Commission as prescribed by Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-2202 and 86-2204.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that a surcharge of 50 cents per wireless access line, per month, shall fund the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that all affected telecommunications companies are hereby, required to collect said surcharge and remit it to the Commission as set forth herein.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 1st day of October, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director