BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-002
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to) ORDER SETTING SURCHARGE
determine the surcharge for the)
Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund.)
) Entered: September 7, 2011

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission, on its own motion, scheduled a hearing on this matter pursuant to an order entered on October 7, 2010, to determine the annual surcharge for the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund (Fund), pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-458 (2008).

Notice of hearing was sent to all interested parties including all wireless service providers and public safety answering points on May 4, 2011. Further notice was published in the Omaha World Herald, the Lincoln Journal Star, and the Daily Record, Omaha on August 8 and 15, 2011.

The hearing was held on August 23, 2011. Angela Melton appeared on behalf of the Commission staff.

EVIDENCE

Sue Vanicek, Director of the Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department, testified on behalf of Commission staff. Ms. Vanicek provided an overview of the current status of the Fund and an explanation regarding the differences between its current balance and the projected balance. She recommended that in order to provide sufficient funding for current commitments and to maintain an appropriate reserve, the surcharge should be fixed at \$.50. Ms. Vanicek also testified that at its July 11, 2011 meeting, the Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board recommended that the surcharge remain at \$.50.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-457, the surcharge may be increased by the Commission up to \$.70 per active telephone number or functional equivalent for all counties but Douglas County, which remains capped at \$.50.

The Commission finds that based upon testimony provided by staff and the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the surcharge should remain at fifty cents (\$.50) per active telephone number or functional equivalent, per month.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the surcharge for the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund should be set at fifty cents (\$.50) per active telephone number or functional equivalent, per month.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 7th day of September, 2010.

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