BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission on its own motion, to establish the policy regarding required quarterly submissions from wireless carriers.

) Docket No. 911-010
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) ORDER SEEKING COMMENT
) REGARDING QUARTERLY REPORTS
) FOR PREPAID WIRELESS
) CARRIERS
)
) Entered: October 29, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINIONS AND FINDINGS

Pursuant to the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 through 86-469 (2004 Cum. Supp.) (the Act), the Commission established a policy in an order dated March 30, 2004, outlining submissions required to be made by wireless carriers to the Commission on a quarterly basis. Additionally, the Nebraska Legislature enacted LB 1222 [2006] amending Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-459(2) to specifically require wireless carriers to report on a quarterly basis to the Commission.

As the commission may require, each wireless carrier, except a wireless carrier whose users have no 911 service, shall report to the commission on a quarterly basis for each county in a manner prescribed by the commission the following information: (a) The number of telephone numbers or functional equivalents served; (b) the number of telephone numbers or functional equivalents from which it has collected surcharge revenue; (c) the number of wireless towers by county; and (d) the current implementation status of enhanced wireless 911 service in each county served by that wireless carrier.

This information is necessary for the development of statewide implementation of enhanced wireless 911 service. The Commission approved an amended reporting form on August 5, 2008, to be used by all wireless carriers to report the required information in an electronic format.

No exception exists for carriers providing prepaid wireless services. However, several prepaid wireless carriers have failed to file the required reports. Other carriers providing prepaid services have stated that they are unable to track or report account information on a county basis. In order to

develop a reporting form to better suit the reporting of information by carriers providing prepaid wireless services, the Commission seeks comment regarding the following:

- 1. If you are a wireless carrier providing both prepaid wireless services and other wireless services using traditional billing methods, are you currently including telephone numbers or functional equivalents for prepaid services, as part of the total number reported? If so, are you able to distinguish the telephone numbers or functional equivalents assigned to prepaid accounts from those assigned to traditionally billed subscribers? If not, please explain.
- 2. If you are a wireless carrier providing prepaid wireless services, are you able to report telephone numbers or functional equivalents on a county by county basis? If not, please explain.

Written comments should be filed by all interested parties, on or before 5:00 p.m. CST, November 17, 2008. All parties filing comments should file one original, five paper copies and one electronic copy via email to angela.melton@psc.ne.gov.

All prepaid carriers are put on notice that complaints will be filed against any carriers who failed to file quarterly reports for the third quarter, 2008 which were due no later than October 15, 2008. If prepaid carriers are unable to provide the information in the format or detail set forth in the current quarterly reporting form, the carrier shall contact the Commission to address the issue.

The Commission intends to use any information provided in response to this order in developing additional form(s) for reporting by prepaid carriers.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that interested parties wishing to comment on the issues outlined herein shall submit filings consistent with the terms of this order no later than 5:00 p.m. CST, November 17, 2008.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 29th day of October, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director