

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Docket No. 911-011/PI-79
on its own motion, seeking to)
establish Phase II enhanced) ORDER ADOPTING PHASE II
wireless 911 service) TESTING STANDARDS
implementation.)
)
) Entered: October 17, 2006

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 30, 2004, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened the present docket to establish Phase II enhanced wireless 911 service implementation pursuant to the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act¹ (the Act).

The Commission is currently providing cost recovery for Phase I implementations, equipment requests, the development of geographic information system (GIS) data statewide, and the development of a central GIS data repository. However, the Commission is not currently providing payments to wireless carriers or local exchange carriers for the costs associated with implementing Phase II. A number of wireless carriers have stated that they will provide Phase II service without cost recovery.

Currently, four counties have proceeded on their own to implement Phase II enhanced wireless 911 service. Several other counties are ready, or close to ready, to implement Phase II. At its June 26, 2006 meeting, the Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board, as part of its consideration of staff's proposed interim policies, supported the adoption of Phase II testing standards.

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The Act provides in part, "The commission shall have any powers necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of the act."² Furthermore, "The commission shall determine the most efficient method for providing enhanced wireless 911 service."³ In the interest of carrying out the intent and purposes of the Act and to implement Phase II enhanced wireless 911 service in the most efficient and coordinated manner possible, the Commission hereby adopts the Phase II testing standards outlined by National Emergency Number Association (NENA) in its NENA

¹ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-442 et seq. (2006 Supp.).

² Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465(3).

³ Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-464.

Wireless Phase I/II Planning and Implementation Checklist and Modules Operational Information Document (OID) and attached hereto as Appendix A.

As previously ordered in 911-001/PI-52 in Progression Order No. 5 on July 16, 2005, the PSAP, wireless carrier, local exchange carrier and Commission shall establish schedules for testing prior to activating wireless enhanced 911 service. Any testing must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance unless all parties agree otherwise. Additionally, a completed test and acceptance plan should be filed with the Commission within 30 days of the successful completion of testing by the wireless carrier. These requirements shall be followed regardless of whether the testing is for a new deployment or if one tower is being implemented.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the implementation of Phase II Enhanced Wireless Service will follow the process set forth above.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 17th day of October, 2006.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director