

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Scotts Bluff        ) Application No. 911-023.31  
County, Gering, seeking funding    )  
approval for recurring and non-     ) ORDER DENYING FUNDING REQUEST  
recurring costs of Enhanced        )  
Wireless 911 implementation.        )  
  ) Entered: March 13, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated November 13, 2006, Scotts Bluff County, Gering, sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Scotts Bluff County sought non-recurring costs in the amount of \$67,987.58 for the purchase and installation of upgrades to equipment and software necessary to implement enhanced wireless 911 service. Scotts Bluff County stated that the upgrades needed for their E911 system consist of upgrades to their CPU line module cards for their Rescue Star and software updates that are currently two to three years behind.

Scotts Bluff County provided supporting documentation for the equipment, software and associated expenses from its vendor, Embarq. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Scotts Bluff County's request at its November 6 and December 11, 2006 meetings and recommended that the Commission deny the request on the basis that the upgrade was not necessary at this time.

O P I N I O N   A N D   F I N D I N G S

This request for additional funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 to 86-470. (Cum. Supp. 2006), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002 and the Interim Policy established in Progression Order No. 1 in Commission Docket No. 911-017/PI-116, entered February 13, 2007 (Interim Policy).

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that costs requested are not eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as all costs have not been incurred or will not be incurred for

the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

This funding request was received prior to February 16, 2007. Pursuant to the Interim Policy, the Commission therefore considered this funding request for full reimbursement without being subject to the wireless/landline allocation factor established in the Commission's February 17, 2007 order.

Should Scotts Bluff County wish to be heard by the Commission on this funding request it shall notify the Commission **within fifteen (15) days of this order** and the matter will be set for hearing.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Scotts Bluff County's request for funding be denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should Scotts Bluff County wish to be heard by the Commission on this funding request it shall notify the Commission **within fifteen (15) days of this order** and the matter will be set for hearing.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 13th day of March, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Director