

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska                    ) Application No. 911-024.30  
Public Service Commission, on                    )  
its own motion, seeking to                    )  
develop policies and process                    )  
requests for access to GIS data                ) ORDER GRANTING ACCESS IN PART  
and the GIS Repository:                        )  
Emergency Communications                        )  
Network.                                         ) Entered: November 3, 2009

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On or about August 8, 2006, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened the above-captioned docket, on its own motion, to develop policies and process requests for access to GIS data and the GIS Repository.

In an order entered on August 30, 2005 in docket No. 911-011/PI-97, the Commission approved the development of proper GIS data and map databases for public safety answering points (PSAPs) or supplementation of existing map databases necessary for Phase II service. The Commission has since approved funding for the development of GIS data for several PSAPs.

On April 4, 2006, the Commission also approved funding for a centralized data repository (Repository) for the GIS data in order to allow for maintenance of the data and access to the data by individual PSAPs and the Commission.

On October 10, 2007, the Commission established a GIS Data Repository Access and Use Policy and a procedure for entities to request access to the Repository.

On or about October 15, 2009, Emergency Communications Network (ECN) submitted an application requesting access to the Repository for purposes of providing emergency notifications on behalf of certain Nebraska counties. Currently, ECN states it is working with Perkins, Chase, Dawson, Keith, Scotts Bluff and Cheyenne Counties and North Platte, located in Lincoln County. The Commission finds that the request should be granted and passwords issued to allow ECN the ability to download and view GIS data for the above mentioned counties per its request. It shall not have access to any layers containing proprietary information. The Commission will determine any other specific permissions to be assigned to the passwords.

Prior to the issuance of the requested passwords, an authorized representative of ECN shall sign and return to the Commission the attached Acknowledgment and Agreement Regarding GIS Access and Use Policy attached hereto as Appendix A.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Emergency Communications Network's application for access to the GIS Repository is granted in part with respect to Perkins, Chase, Dawson, Lincoln, Keith, Scotts Bluff and Cheyenne Counties as set forth herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that prior to receiving the requested password, an authorized representative of Emergency Communications Network shall sign and return to the Commission the attached Acknowledgment and Agreement Regarding GIS Access and Use Policy attached hereto as Appendix A.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 3rd day of November, 2009.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director