

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-024.55
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
develop policies and process) ORDER GRANTING ACCESS
requests for access to GIS data)
and the GIS Repository: Nebraska)
Department of Health and Human) Entered: January 24, 2017
Services)

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 a GIS Data Repository Access and Use Policy and a procedure for entities to request access to the Repository.

On April 9, 2013, the Commission approved an amended GIS Data Repository Access and Use Policy and a procedure for entities to request access to the Repository.

On or about January 3, 2017, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS) submitted written request for access to the Repository to download street centerline data, public areas (parks, cemeteries, etc.), water features, fire districts ambulance service boundaries, law enforcement areas, emergency service boundaries, cell tower locations and cell tower coverage. The request states that NDHHS access to the Repository would be for the purpose of geocoding and emergency response and preparedness. Subsequently, NDHHS withdrew the request for cell tower location and cell tower coverage

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information. The Commission finds that the revised request should be granted and passwords issued.

NDHHS shall abide by the Commission GIS Access and Use Policy, attached hereto as Appendix A. Failure to do so could result in a loss of access to the Repository. The Commission reserves the right to amend the Policy at any time.

The Commission does not warrant the accuracy or completeness of the data maintained in the Repository.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the NDHHS request for access to the GIS Repository as described herein is granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that NAME shall be bound by the Commission GIS Access and Use Policy, attached hereto as Appendix A as may be amended.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of January, 2017.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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Chair

ATTEST:

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GIS Repository Access and Use Policy

General

Access to the Repository shall be password protected. The Commission will assign passwords to allow access to the Repository to each approved entity.

Access to the Repository shall be limited to federal or state agencies, counties, municipalities or other political subdivisions or entities or individuals acting on behalf of such agencies, counties, municipalities or other political subdivisions pursuant to a contract.

Only those entities and individuals approved by the Commission will have access to the Repository.

The Commission makes no warranties or guarantees with respect to the accuracy or completeness of the data contained within the Repository.

Request for Access to Repository

All requests for access to the Repository shall be made to the Commission in writing on the Commission approved form. The Commission and the Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department reserve the right to request additional information regarding any request.

Requests for access do not constitute requests for public records pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712 et seq. Such requests shall be made consistent with statutory requirements.

All individuals who will be permitted to use the password shall be listed on the form.

The Commission will grant only those permissions necessary to allow the entity to use the Repository for its approved purpose. Access will be tailored to the needs of the requesting entity or individual.

The Commission reserves the right to deny access to any entity or individual or revoke access from any entity or individual as permitted by state law, Commission rules and regulations or Commission orders.

All approved entities and individuals are required to update the information on file with the Commission with respect to users immediately upon any changes. Failure to do so may result in revocation of access to the Repository.

Updates and Downloads

Upload capabilities enables a user to upload and replace data on the Repository. The ability to upload data onto the Repository requires advanced GIS technical expertise to ensure data are formatted in the correct manner.

The potential exists for damage to the Repository and corrupt the Repository database should incorrectly formatted or poorly constructed GIS data be uploaded onto the system.

The Commission will review upload access requests on a case-by-case basis.