

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-040/PI-152
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
coordinate federal grants) ORDER OPENING DOCKET
through the Ensuring Needed Help)
Arrives Near Callers Employing)
911 Act of 2004 (ENHANCE 911) Entered: July 7, 2009
Act).

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) hereby opens the above-captioned docket, on its own motion, to coordinate federal grants through the Ensuring Needed Help Arrives Near Callers Employing 911 Act of 2004 (ENHANCE 911 Act).

The ENHANCE 911 Act requires that States designate an E-911 Coordinator:

If the State has established by law or regulation an office or coordinator with the authority to manage E-911 services, that office or coordinator must be identified as the designated E-911 Coordinator and apply for the grant on behalf of the State. If the State does not have such an office or coordinator established, the Governor of the State must appoint a single officer or governmental body to serve as the E-911 Coordinator in order to qualify for an E-911 grant.

47 CFR 400.4(a)(4). The designated E-911 Coordinator would be responsible for implementing E-911 services, signing certifications, and submitting ENHANCE 911 Grant Program applications.

The Commission is designated by statute to "apply for or assist any political subdivision in applying for any federal or other funds available for 911 service or E-911 service and may distribute federal funds consistent with federal law..." Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-441.01. Pursuant to this authority, on June 23, 2009, Governor Dave Heineman designated the Commission as the E-911 Coordinator for purposes of the ENHANCE 911 Act. The Commission will work in partnership with local PSAPs and counties in order to meet all requirements of the ENHANCE 911 Act and apply for grant funds on behalf of the State.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the above-captioned docket be, and it is hereby, opened to coordinate federal grants through the Ensuring Needed Help Arrives Near Callers Employing 911 Act of 2004.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 7th day of July, 2009.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director