

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.14
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for public) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING,
safety answering points for the) IN PART
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:)
City of Holdrege.) Entered: June 23, 2015

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On or about February 24, 2015, the City of Holdrege ("Holdrege") filed a request to use the enhanced wireless 911 set-aside funds toward the purchase of 911 equipment and maintenance.

The costs sought are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. Holdrege has a wireless ratio for the 2014-2015 funding year of 57% wireless. Therefore, Holdrege requested approval to use its set-aside funds toward 57% of the total cost.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its April 20, 2015 meeting and recommended the request be approved. However, the Advisory Board did not discuss the request for funding to be used for maintenance.

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

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) adopted the permanent cost model to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service under Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.

Based upon the request, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the costs requested are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

Pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism, PSAPs are permitted to retain up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the amount allocated to that PSAP for the future purchase of equipment and software. Specifically, Holdrege is seeking approval to expend its

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set-aside funds on a Positron Viper purchase in the amount of \$40,731.32. In addition, Holdrege is seeking approval to use its set-aside funds for maintenance in the amount of \$30,041.23.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that Holdrege's request to use set-aside funds for the purchase of equipment should be approved, in part. The Commission finds that Holdrege may use set aside funds up to \$40,731.32 in costs representing 57% of the total costs based the wireless ratio on file with the Commission. However, pursuant to Docket 911-019/PI-118, Holdrege is responsible for paying for maintenance costs attributable to the provision of wireless enhanced 911 service from its allocation and not from its set-aside funds.

Because the purchase and installation of the equipment may span two funding years and the wireless/wireline ratio may change, Holdrege must enter into the contract for the purchase prior to June 30, 2015 in order to utilize its set-aside funds at the current wireless/wireline ratio. Should the contract not be finalized by that time, Holdrege must resubmit its application so that the applicable ratio can be applied.

Should Holdrege wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request denied herein it shall notify the Commission in writing **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 the funding request for the City of Holdrege is hereby approved as set forth herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the contract for the purchase of the equipment and software must be prior to June 30, 2015.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 23rd day of June, 2015.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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