

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. 911-042.18  
Public Service Commission, on )  
its own motion, seeking to )  
administer funding for public )  
safety answering points for the ) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING  
implementation and provision of )  
Enhanced Wireless 911 service: )  
City of North Platte. )  
 ) Entered: August 29, 2017

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about July 17, 2017, the City of North Platte Public Safety Answering Point (North Platte) filed a request to use enhanced wireless 911 set aside funds toward the purchase of updated customer premise equipment at a total cost of \$67,169.54, in order to enable North Platte to be configured as a node of the multi-node 911 system created by Buffalo County and Dawson County.<sup>1</sup> In addition, the North Platte request included one year of maintenance and software support in the amount of \$9,655.17, plus an additional \$895.00 for one year of shared support costs for the Buffalo/Dawson multi-node 911 system. Finally, the request also included a line item for CenturyLink Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) circuit costs of \$633.00 per month.

The costs requested are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. The wireless ratio for North Platte for the 2017-2018 funding year is 88% wireless.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its July 31, 2017 meeting and recommended the request be approved.

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.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See, *In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Buffalo County, Application No. 911-042.10, ORDER APPROVING FUNDING* (September 20, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> *In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement provisions of LB 1222 [2006] and to establish a permanent funding*

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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 the costs requested are eligible for funding as costs incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.<sup>3</sup>

Pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism, PSAPs are permitted to set aside up to seventy-five percent (75%) of their annual funding allocation for the future purchase of equipment and software. Such set aside funds may also be used to pay the first year of multi-year maintenance agreements. Set aside funds may not be used to pay networking costs, such as MPLS circuit costs, or future years of multi-year maintenance or support agreements. Any such costs must be paid from a PSAP's annually allocated funds or other sources, do not require prior approval of the Commission.<sup>4</sup> Therefore, such costs will not be approved pursuant to this Order.

The total amount proposed to be expended for the purchase of equipment, software and year one maintenance or support in North Platte's funding request is \$77,720.40.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that North Platte's request to use set-aside funds should be approved in the amount of **\$68,393.95**, representing 88% of \$77,720.40, based on the wireless/wireline ratio on file with the Commission.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for the use of set aside funds by North Platte is hereby approved as set forth herein in an amount not to exceed **\$68,393.95**.

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*mechanism for wireless enhanced 911 service*, Application No. 911-019/PI-118 (Feb. 23, 2010).

<sup>3</sup> NEB. REV. STAT. § 86-465

<sup>4</sup> App. No. 911-019/PI-118, *supra* note 1.

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Mary Kiddle*

*Crystal Lincades*

*Frank E. Landis*

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Tim Schram

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

*Tim Schram*  
Chairman

ATTEST:

*Michael D.*

Executive Director