

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.33
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for public) ORDER APPROVING USE OF
safety answering points for the) FUNDING
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:)
City of Lincoln.) Entered: August 12, 2014

BY THE COMMISSION:

On June 26, 2014, the City of Lincoln (Lincoln) filed a request to use set aside funds for the purpose of hiring a consultant to study the sharing of 911 equipment with other PSAPs in the Southeast Region. The total cost of the study is not to exceed \$50,000. Lincoln is requesting approval to use wireless funds for its share of the total cost, 65%, calculated based on the formula outlined in an Inter-Local Cooperation Agreement, and consistent with the its wireless/wireline 911 call ratio of 75.97%, for a total of **\$24,690.25**. Lincoln is not seeking an advance of funds.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its July 28, 2014 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.

On June 17, 2014, the Commission amended the permissible use of set aside funds to include consulting costs relating to the selection and purchase of equipment and software under Docket No. 911-05/PI-190.

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 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.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that use of wireless funding by Lincoln should be approved in the amount of **\$24,690.25** for their share of consulting costs to study the regionalized sharing of backroom equipment.

Pursuant to Docket 911-019/PI-118, Lincoln is responsible for paying for that portion of the costs attributable to the provision of landline 911 service.

Pursuant to Commission order 911-019/PI-118, all PSAPs are subject to annual verification that funds were used for eligible costs. If the Commission determines that any funds were not used appropriately, funding for the following funding year would be adjusted to recoup any necessary funds.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the City of Lincoln's request to use wireless funds for the purchase of equipment, software and maintenance is hereby approved, as set forth herein in the amount of **\$24,690.25** for their share of consulting costs pursuant to the Southeast Region 911 Emergency Communications Study Agreement.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 12th day of August, 2014.

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