

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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 FUNDING,  
safety answering points for the ) IN PART  
implementation and provision of )  
Enhanced Wireless 911 service: )  
Lincoln Emergency )  
Communications Center. ) Entered: August 16, 2016

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about March 30, 2010, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened the above-mentioned docket, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism.<sup>1</sup>

On May 16, 2016, Lincoln Emergency Communications Center filed an application to use set-aside funds for two additional SIP phones for its backup center. The Commission approved a funding request on December 15, 2015 to allow Lincoln to use set-aside funds for equipment in its PSAP, and its annual allocation funds for new hardware in the Lancaster County Backup Center. Lincoln's wireless ratio for the 2016-2017 funding year is 80% wireless. The two additional phones would incur non-recurring costs of \$7,537.56, and monthly costs of \$200.00.

On June 21, 2016, the Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Lincoln's funding request for the additional SIP phones at the Lancaster County Backup Center and recommended that the Commission approve the funding request for non-recurring costs only.

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>1</sup> Neb. Admin. Code Title 291, Ch. 15 (July 16, (2011); *In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate and determine costs eligible for funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465(2)(b) and (c)*, Application No. 911-054/PI-181, Order Amending List of Eligible Expenses (Apr. 17, 2012).

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In its December 15, 2015 Order, the Commission adopted the Advisory Board's recommendation that Lincoln use its annual allocation pursuant to the wireless/wireline ratio to pay for eligible costs associated with the Lancaster County Backup Center. The Commission stated that it would examine any future funding requests for backup centers on a case by case basis.

In its current funding request, Lincoln is requesting the use of wireless funds for both monthly recurring and non-recurring costs for the Lancaster County Backup Center. The Advisory Board and the Commission discussed the appropriateness of allowing PSAPs to use wireless funds for monthly recurring costs for both the main PSAP and a backup center. The Advisory Board recommended the approval of the use of annual allocated funds for non-recurring costs, and to not approve the use of funding for monthly recurring costs.

Based upon the request, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the non-recurring 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. Although the monthly recurring costs could be eligible costs, the Commission declines to allow a PSAP to use its funds for monthly recurring costs in more than one location at this time. The Commission will continue to work with PSAPs and the Advisory Board in determining an appropriate policy regarding backup centers. Future requests for funding of backup centers will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The Commission will adopt the recommendation of the Advisory Board, and Lincoln may use its annual allocation to pay for eligible non-recurring costs associated with the two additional SIP phones for the Lancaster County Backup Center. Due to the fact that these costs will be paid with annual allocated funds, it is not necessary to approve those specific amounts in this Order.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for the non-recurring costs associated with two additional SIP phones for the Lincoln Emergency Communications Center backup center is hereby approved.

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 16<sup>th</sup>  
day of August, 2016.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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