

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-043.05
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for wireless)
service providers for the) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:)
Cricket Communications, Inc.)
) Entered: June 18, 2013

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On or about March 30, 2010, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened the above-captioned docket, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for wireless service providers for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism approved under Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.

Cricket Communications, Inc. (Cricket) filed an application for funding pursuant to Docket No. 911-019/PI-118. Pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism, Cricket has been allocated an amount up to \$83,806 paid in monthly installments over eleven months. Cricket, which provides service in multiple counties within Nebraska, states that the funds will be used for recurring monthly costs for enhanced wireless 911 related services provided by third party vendors, internal engineering and operations costs, and nonrecurring costs related to implementation of enhanced wireless 911 service. Cricket has submitted estimates of the costs it expects to incur during the funding year in the amount of \$79,443.41.

The total costs requested are less than Cricket's allocation. The Commission finds that the funding request for Cricket in the amount of \$79,443.41 should be approved paid in 11 monthly payments of \$7,222.13.

Should Cricket find during the funding year, that its eligible costs are higher than its estimate, it should request that the funding be increased in an amount to cover such costs, not to exceed the allocated amount.

Pursuant to Docket 911-019/PI-118, Cricket is required to submit documentation to justify expenditures and update contact and other information no later than October 15 following the close of the funding year. 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. All wireless service providers are subject to audit.

Any wireless service provider failing to file timely and accurate quarterly reports may be subject to delays or loss of funding in addition to any other administrative penalties.

The Commission intends to propose for comment a modification to the payment and audit processes in Docket 911-019/PI-118 related to wireless service provider funding in an effort to continue to increase efficiencies. Therefore, payments and processes for the 2013-2014 funding year may be modified depending upon the outcome of the proceeding.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for Cricket is hereby approved in the amount of \$79,443.41 paid in accordance with the terms set forth herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Cricket shall submit required documentation to justify all expenditures with approved funds no later than October 15 following the close of the funding year.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 18th day of June, 2013.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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