

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska                    ) Application No. 911-049/PI-174  
Public Service Commission, on                    )  
its own motion, to investigate                    )  
the affect of statewide prepaid                    )  
wireless subscriber counts on                    ) ORDER RELEASING PROPOSAL FOR  
local exchange carrier payments                    ) COMMENT AND SCHEDULING  
for enhanced wireless 911                         ) HEARING  
service under the permanent                         )  
funding mechanism and quarterly                    )  
reporting requirements.                            )  
  ) Entered: January 19, 2011

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened the above-captioned docket, on its own motion to investigate the affect of statewide prepaid wireless subscriber counts on local exchange carrier payments for enhanced wireless 911 service under the permanent funding mechanism and quarterly reporting requirements.

Pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism adopted by the Commission on February 23, 2010, the Commission in Docket No. 911-019/PI-118 local exchange carriers (LECs) are paid for the provision of wireless enhanced 911 service to PSAPs on a quarterly basis in arrears based upon the number of wireless subscribers in a given county as reported by wireless service providers. Further, LECs were required to file a tariffed rate for these services. Certain prepaid wireless carriers have stated that they are unable to report subscriber counts on a county-by-county basis. Therefore, Commission staff proposes the following approach and requests interested parties provide written comment:

Any wireless service provider unable to provide subscriber counts on a county-by-county basis shall file with the Commission a signed statement that such a report is not possible. Those wireless service providers shall then report in their quarterly reports all subscribers based upon prefix.

The Commission will then assign the subscribers reported on a prefix basis to the appropriate PSAP and the LEC servicing that PSAP for purposes of calculating the payment. Any subscribers that cannot be assigned to a specific PSAP and LEC based upon the prefix will be allocated to counties, based on known wireless subscriber counts, and aggregated to the PSAP and LEC level.

Because the number of subscribers not being reported on a county-by-county basis is relatively small, representing approximately 1% of total subscribers in Nebraska, the Commission staff believes that the proposed method is a fair and efficient process to ensure accurate payment to the LECs for wireless enhanced 911 services to PSAPs.

Interested parties wishing to comment on the proposed method outlined herein shall file written comments no later than **3:00 p.m. on February 25, 2011** by filing one (1) original and eight (8) copies with the Commission and providing one (1) electronic copy via e-mail to brandy.zierott@nebraska.gov.

Furthermore, the Commission finds that a hearing on the matter should be scheduled for **March 8, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at the meeting, please call the Commission at (402) 471-3101. For people with hearing/speech impairments, please call the Commission at (402) 471-0213 (TDD) or the Nebraska Relay System at (800) 833-7352 (TDD) or (800) 833-0920 (Voice). Advance notice of at least seven days is needed when requesting an interpreter.

#### O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the proposed method set forth herein is released for comment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that interested parties wishing to comment on the issues outlined herein shall file written comments no later than **3:00 p.m. on February 25, 2011** by filing one (1) original and eight (8) copies with the Commission and providing one (1) electronic copy via e-mail to brandy.zierott@nebraska.gov.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that a hearing on the matter should be scheduled for **March 8, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 19th day of  
January, 2011.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director