

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,     ) Application No. 911-056/  
on its own motion, seeking to        ) PI-184  
investigate and establish one         )  
time distribution of funds for         ) ORDER OPENING DOCKET,  
equipment and software pursuant       ) SEEKING COMMENT AND SETTING  
to the Enhanced Wireless             ) HEARING  
Services Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §       )  
86-442 et seq.                         )  
  ) Entered: April 24, 2012

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Nebraska Public Service Commission opens the present docket on its own motion seeking to investigate and establish one time distribution of funds for equipment and software pursuant to the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act<sup>1</sup>.

On February 23, 2010, the Commission entered an order in Docket 911-019/PI-118<sup>2</sup> establishing a permanent funding mechanism and adopting a model for the distribution of enhanced wireless 911 funds to public safety answering points (PSAPs) and wireless service providers. Pursuant to the February 23, 2010 order, PSAPs receive a monthly amount allocated through the model to be used for eligible costs associated with the implementation and provision of enhanced wireless 911 services.<sup>3</sup> A PSAP may also choose to set aside up to seventy-five percent (75%) of their allocation for the future purchase of equipment and software necessary for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.<sup>4</sup>

Some PSAPs have required significant equipment or software upgrades or new equipment or software systems and have not yet had sufficient time to accumulate a reserve to purchase the required items. The Commission has approved advances of wireless enhanced 911 funds to those PSAPs with the provision that a monthly amount be deducted from their future allocations over a period of five (5) years.<sup>5</sup> However, many PSAPs may still

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<sup>1</sup> Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-442 et. seq.

<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 mechanism for wireless enhanced 911 service.* Order Adopting , February 23, 2010.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 4.

<sup>5</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: Perkins County, Docket No. 911-042.23, Order Approving Funding, In Part, (Feb. 8, 2011) and In the Matter of Clay County, Edgar, seeking funding*

be unable to fund necessary upgrades. Additionally, we are aware of some equipment that will no longer be supported by its manufacturer and will require replacement.

In order to ensure that all PSAPs have the funds necessary to purchase new equipment or software or to upgrade existing equipment and software, the Commission seeks comment on the following:

The Commission proposes that it use a portion of the current wireless enhanced 911 fund to provide a one-time payment be made to all PSAPs to be set aside for future equipment and software purchases or upgrades. Allocations to those PSAPs that received advances for equipment and software expenditures would be reduced by the amount scheduled to be deducted from their regular monthly payment.

The portion allocated for these purposes would account for the 4.7 year Equipment Life currently included in the 911-SAM cost model, the seventy-five percent (75%) future-purchase factor, the time that the model has been in place, and the current PSAP cost category support amount. Additionally, the Commission would take into consideration any equipment and software costs PSAPs expect to incur over the next 5 years. The 2011/2012 911-SAM cost model would be utilized to determine the individual payments to PSAPs. All funds would be available for use for future equipment and software upgrades and purchases subject to the wireless/wireline factor.

The Commission seeks comment from all interested parties regarding this proposal. PSAPs should comment specifically regarding their ability to account for the funds and any expected outlays for equipment and software. PSAPs should provide an estimate of costs for equipment and software upgrades expected over the next five (5) years.

All interested parties should file comments on the above-listed issues with the Commission **on or before May 15, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.** All parties filing comments should file one original and five (5) paper copies and email one electronic copy to [brandy.zierott@nebraska.gov](mailto:brandy.zierott@nebraska.gov) and [angela.melton@nebraska.gov](mailto:angela.melton@nebraska.gov).

Further, the Commission finds that a hearing on this matter shall be scheduled for **May 23, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.** in the

Commission Hearing Room, 1200 N Street, Suite 300, 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.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the above-captioned docket be, and it is hereby, opened, on its own motion, seeking to investigate and establish one-time distribution of funds for equipment and software pursuant to the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all interested parties should file comments on the above-listed issues with the Commission **on or before May 15, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.** All parties filing comments should file one original and five (5) paper copies and e-mail one electronic copy to brandy.zierott@nebraska.gov and angela.melton@nebraska.gov.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that a hearing on this matter shall be scheduled for **May 23, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, 1200 N Street, Suite 300, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of April, 2012.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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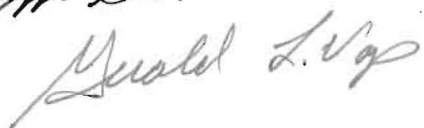
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