

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Application No. 911-057/
on its own motion, seeking to) PI-187
investigate funding for costs)
for the development of certain)
Geographical Information Systems) ORDER SEEKING COMMENT
Data relating to the provision)
of Enhanced Wireless 911)
Service.) Entered: January 7, 2014

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Nebraska Public Service Commission opened the present docket on its own motion, seeking to investigate funding for costs for the development of certain Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Data relating to the provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 Service.

The docket was opened due to the filing of funding requests by Douglas and Washington Counties for the development of an address point layer. The Commission received comment on whether funding beyond the allocations provided to the PSAPs through the 911-SAM should be made available for the costs to develop a statewide address point layer for GIS data. Comments were filed on behalf of Dodge County, GeoComm, Harlan and Phelps Counties, City of North Platte and Lincoln County, and the State of Nebraska, CIO Office.

A hearing was held on the matter on March 20, 2013. Attorney, Angela Melton appeared on behalf of the Commission staff.

E V I D E N C E

Sue Vanicek, Director of the Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department, testified regarding the comments received. Generally, Ms. Vanicek stated that she was unaware of any standards established for the development of an address point layer and that sufficient information was not available as to the cost for the development of the data layer state wide. She further recommended that the Commission wait to take further action until such time as the next generation 911 study is completed and additional information regarding costs is available.

Mr. Marcus Tooze testified on behalf of GIS Workshop in support of Ms. Vanicek's recommendation. Mr. Tooze further stated that GIS Workshop intended to construct a statewide

address point database with free access to any Nebraska government agency.

Mr. Stacen Gross testified on behalf of GeoComm. He summarized efforts on behalf of GeoComm in Nebraska and surrounding states. Mr. Gross testified that he would anticipate a cost of \$5.5 million for development of the address point layer statewide.

Subsequent to the hearing, the Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board, at its October 21, 2013 meeting, recommended that the Commission investigate the development of an address point layer.

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

The Commission finds that it does not have sufficient information at this time to reach a decision regarding whether additional funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 fund should be made available for the development of an address point data layer. In particular, information is necessary regarding the costs associated with the development of the data layer and the scope of the project.

Therefore the Commission seeks additional comment on whether funding beyond the allocations provided to the PSAPs through the 911-SAM should be made available for the costs to develop a statewide address point layer for GIS data. Interested parties providing comment should provide comment on the following:

1. Any preliminary steps necessary for the development of a statewide address point data layer. Commenters should identify the necessary step; the estimated costs and possible funding sources for each step; any established standards; and reference the appropriate governing authority responsible for the activity.

2. The specifications for the development of the data should a request for proposal be issued and the potential costs involved in the development of the data.

3. Any other relevant information.

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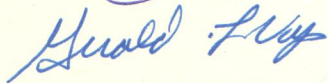
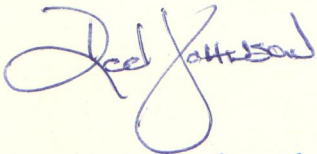
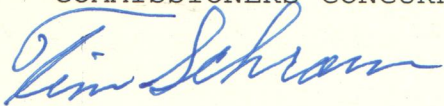
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