

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Perkins County) Application No. PSAP-032.2
PSAP, Grant, seeking funding)
for recurring and non-recurring) GRANTED
costs of Wireless E-911)
implementation.)
) Entered: November 1, 2005

BY THE COMMISSION:

Perkins County has implemented and is providing Phase I wireless enhanced 911 service to customers of several wireless carriers, and costs of such service have been approved in Application No(s). PSAP-032 for Alltel Wireless which was implemented in February 2004. However, no invoices have been received for payment of the approved costs.

On October 18, 2005, the Commission received an application from Perkins County for costs of monthly recurring and non-recurring costs to implement an additional wireless carrier, Western Wireless. Enhanced wireless 911 service for Western Wireless was implemented in Perkins County in June 2003 without prior approval.

Perkins County seeks initial costs of \$236.85 and recurring costs of \$10.39 with respect to Western Wireless. Initial costs are for database upgrades, trunking infrastructure and purchase, installation, and testing of circuits for enhanced wireless 911. Recurring costs are monthly fees for database management and for operation and maintenance of trunks and circuits.

Perkins County entered into a service agreement with Qwest for enhanced wireless 911 equipment and services. A copy of the agreement is attached to the original request for funding. In the agreement, Perkins County authorized the Nebraska Public Service Commission to remit all payments for enhanced wireless 911 service to Qwest.

Through an internal audit of payments made on behalf of Perkins County from the Wireless E911 Fund, it was determined that Qwest had never invoiced the Commission for charges associated with the implementation and the recurring costs of Alltel Wireless or Western Wireless. The Commission will reimburse Qwest for all costs incurred on behalf of Perkins

County since its initial date of implementation due to the fact that this was merely a clerical error on behalf of Qwest.

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

This request for funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 to 86-469 (2004 Cum. Supp.), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, and Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002.

Costs requested are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 (2004 Cum. Supp.). All costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance and operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service. Although implementation of Western Wireless occurred without prior approval of the Commission, Perkins County has now complied with all requirements. Future deviations from the established procedure will be closely scrutinized and may jeopardize eligibility for funding.

Perkins County has submitted a PSAP registration in compliance with Commission Docket No. 911-001.

Because Perkins County authorized Qwest to receive all payments on its behalf for wireless enhanced 911, the Commission further finds that payment should be remitted to Qwest upon invoice. Only invoices that comport with the approved costs in this order will be paid. Recurring costs requested for partial months must be prorated.

Based upon the request for funding and supporting documentation, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the request for funding should be granted. All costs of Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) surcharges and any legitimate government-imposed taxes or surcharges assessed on enhanced wireless 911 charges should also be paid. The Commission further finds that the Commission should true-up its subscriber counts and provide wireless cell site information on a quarterly basis and that the Commission should adjust payments for non-recurring and recurring charges accordingly.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Perkins County's request for funding should be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon invoice from Qwest, the Commission shall remit to Qwest, amounts that comport with this order.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 1st day of November, 2005.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director