

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

## E V I D E N C E

<sup>5</sup> See, In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to determine the surcharge for the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund, Application No. 911-002, ORDER SETTING SURCHARGE (October 23, 2012).

current status of the Fund and staff's recommendation for no change to the current rate of the monthly Surcharge.

Director Sankey testified that the balance in the fund as of October 31, 2018 was approximately \$13 million. He further stated that the total approved expenditures from the fund for the 2018-2019 funding year were approximately \$8.6 million. These amounts were allocated to provide support to public safety answering points, wireless service providers, to compensate local exchange carriers, and to provide text-to-911 service and to cover administrative expenses. Director Sankey also testified that additional projected operational and administrative costs would bring the total amount expected to be expended from the fund to approximately \$10.0 million.

The Director stated that the forecasted remittances for the 2018-2019 fiscal year are approximately \$8.3 million, which is about the same than the actual remittances received of \$8.3 million for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Director Sankey recommended that the Surcharge remain at \$0.45. In addition, Director Sankey advised the Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board had met on October 29, 2018, and recommended that the Surcharge remain at the current level of \$0.45.

Mr. Brooks provided comments on behalf of Viaero. Mr. Brooks stated that Viaero supported maintaining the Surcharge at the current level.

#### F I N D I N G S   A N D   C O N C L U S I O N S

Pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-457*, the Commission may set the Surcharge no higher than \$0.70 per active telephone number or functional equivalent for all counties except Douglas County, where the maximum Surcharge is \$0.50.

The Commission finds, based upon witness testimony, the Commission staff recommendation, the Advisory Board recommendation, the current fund balance, and the implementation of the 911 Service System Plan, that the surcharge should be maintained at forty-five cents (\$0.45) per active telephone number or functional equivalent, per month. The Commission will have the opportunity to revisit the surcharge level annually. The Commission will continue to monitor funding needs, revenue projections and the fund balance and will make adjustments in the future should it be necessary.

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O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the surcharge for the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund should remain at forty-five cents (\$0.45) per active telephone number or functional equivalent, per month, effective January 1, 2019.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director

