

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-019/PI-118
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, to implement)
provisions of LB 1222 [2006] and) PROGRESSION ORDER NO. 5
to establish a permanent funding) SEEKING COMMENT AND SETTING
mechanism for wireless enhanced) HEARING
911 service.)
Entered: April 24, 2012

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 23, 2010, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) entered an order pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465(1)(e) adopting a permanent funding mechanism and process to provide funding for the implementation and provision of enhanced 911 service.

On April 17, 2012, the Commission entered an order expanding eligible expenses to include certain personnel expenses directly related to the receipt and processing of 911 calls.¹ Personnel costs were not previously factored into the permanent funding mechanism and therefore the allocations to public safety answering points (PSAPs) make no allowance for such costs. The addition to the list of eligible expenses did not increase funds allocated to PSAPs through the permanent funding mechanism.

Therefore, the Commission would propose amending the current permanent funding mechanism in order to increase allocations to PSAPs for the 2012-2013 funding year for costs associated with personnel directly related to the receipt and processing of 911 calls.

Additionally, of the \$1.6 million allocated to wireless service providers (WSPs) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, WSPs requested only \$719,000. The "WSP Support Per Tower" input included in the 911-SAM is utilized in the calculation of the WSP cost proxy, and thus the total cost proxy as well. A change to the "WSP Support Per Tower" input results in a reallocation of "Support Available" between the PSAP, GIS, and WSP cost categories.

¹ In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate and determine costs eligible for funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465(2)(b) and (c), Application No. 911-054/PI-181 Order Amending List of Eligible Expenses (Apr. 17, 2012).

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In light of the limited time available prior to the start of the next funding year, the Commission is seeking comment on an expedited basis on the following issues:

PSAPs should provide to the Commission information regarding costs related to salaries for those individuals directly responsible for the receipt and processing of 911 calls for the current fiscal year and if available for the next budget. In providing this information, PSAPs should indicate the percentage of the individual's time spent on duties other than 911 calls and a list of those duties. PSAPs may provide any other information they believe may be helpful in determining the factor to be included in the permanent funding mechanism related to personnel costs.

The Commission also seeks comment on whether the "WSP Support Per Tower" input should be adjusted to more closely align with costs currently being requested by WSPs.

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 and angela.melton@nebraska.gov.

Further, the Commission finds that 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 immediately following the hearing currently scheduled in Docket No. 911-056/PI-184.

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.

Pursuant to the annual schedule set forth in the February 23, 2010 order in Docket No. 911-019/PI-118, the Commission releases PSAP and WSP allocation amounts on or before May 1. Because the proposal outlined herein would potentially change those amounts for the upcoming fiscal year, the Commission finds that the deadline should be suspended pending decision on this matter.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the proposal set forth herein be released for comment.

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 FURTHER 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 immediately following the hearing currently scheduled in Docket No. 911-056/PI-184.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that the May 1, 2012 deadline for the release of PSAP and WSP allocations for the 2012-2013 funding year is suspended pending decision on this matter.

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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//s// Rod Johnson
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