

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Region 26,) Application No. 911-023.61
Public Safety Answering Point,)
Taylor, seeking funding)
approval for recurring and non-) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
recurring costs of Enhanced)
Wireless 911 implementation.)
) Entered: June 24, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated March 6, 2008, Region 26 Public Safety Answering Point (Region 26) seeks funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses of implementing and providing Phase I and Phase II enhanced wireless 911 service related to Alltel Wireless, US Cellular, and Viaero. Region 26 has one public safety answering point (PSAP), which will provide enhanced wireless 911 service throughout Region 26. The local exchange carrier serving Region 26's PSAP is Qwest.

Region 26 entered into a service agreement with Qwest for enhanced wireless 911 equipment and services. A copy of the agreement has been provided. In the agreement, Region 26 authorized the Commission to remit all payments for enhanced wireless 911 service to Qwest.

Region 26 seeks initial costs and recurring costs to implement and provide enhanced wireless 911 service for Alltel Wireless, US Cellular, and Viaero as outlined in Appendix A attached hereto. Initial Phase I costs are for database upgrades, trunking infrastructure and purchase, installation, and testing of circuits for enhanced wireless 911. Recurring Phase I costs are monthly fees for database management and for operation and maintenance of trunks and circuits.

Initial Phase II costs are to activate E2 interface, test link and upgrade database to allow location coordinates to pass through to the public safety answering point (PSAP.) Monthly Phase II fees are to provide the 30W format to the PSAP, which includes X,Y coordinates, allows data to be pushed back and forth from the mobile switch, and gives the PSAP the ability to re-bid for updated coordinates as necessary.

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board recommended at its March 23, 2007 meeting, that the Commission pay from the Fund Phase II LEC costs.

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.* §§ 86-444 to 86-456 (2006 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 in the present funding request are eligible under *Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 86-86-465(2)(a) (2006 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.

Region 26 has submitted a PSAP registration in compliance with Commission Docket 911-001.

Because Region 26 authorized Qwest to receive all payments on its behalf for wireless enhanced 911, the Commission finds that payment should be made to Qwest consistent with the amounts set forth in Appendix A once implementation is complete. Region 26 shall notify the Commission in writing that implementation has been completed with respect to each carriers.

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.

Information set forth in Appendix A shall be treated as proprietary and confidential.

Payment of all recurring charges shall be made in arrears on a quarterly basis. Payment shall be adjusted based upon the number of subscribers and wireless towers reported quarterly as required by *Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 86-459 (2006 Cum. Supp.). Any adjustments to costs must be approved by the Commission. Additionally, the Commission shall be notified prior to any testing for new tower implementations.

The Commission further finds that Region 26 is on notice and is aware that approval of this funding request is made with the understanding that it may be modified in the future, consistent with the permanent funding mechanism established pursuant to LB 1222 [2006].

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Region 26's request for funding shall be granted consistent with the terms set forth herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission shall remit to Qwest amounts that comport with Appendix A attached hereto once implementation is complete.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that Region 26 is on notice and aware that approval of this funding request is made with the understanding that it may be modified in the future, consistent with the permanent funding mechanism established pursuant to LB 1222 [2006].

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 24th day of June, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director