

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska)	Application No. 911-024.30
Public Service Commission, on)	
its own motion, seeking to)	
develop policies and process)	ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL
requests for access to GIS data)	ACCESS
and the GIS Repository:)	
Emergency Communications)	
Network.)	Entered: April 13, 2010

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On or about August 8, 2006, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened the above-captioned docket, on its own motion, to develop policies and process requests for access to GIS data and the GIS Repository.

In an order entered on August 30, 2005 in docket No. 911-011/PI-97, the Commission approved the development of proper GIS data and map databases for public safety answering points (PSAPs) or supplementation of existing map databases necessary for Phase II service. The Commission has since approved funding for the development of GIS data for several PSAPs.

On April 4, 2006, the Commission also approved funding for a centralized data repository (Repository) for the GIS data in order to allow for maintenance of the data and access to the data by individual PSAPs and the Commission.

On October 10, 2007, the Commission established a GIS Data Repository Access and Use Policy and a procedure for entities to request access to the Repository.

On or about November 3, 2009, the Commission granted access to the repository to Emergency Communications Network (ECN) with respect to certain counties for purposes of providing emergency notifications. The Commission stated that ECN could request access to data for additional counties as it began to serve those counties. On or about February 19, 2010, ECN requested access to data for several additional counties. ECN currently has access to data for Lincoln, Perkins, Chase, Dawson, Keith, Scotts Bluff and Cheyenne Counties. The Commission has verified that ECN now also has contracts to serve the following counties: Howard, Holt, Boyd, Keya Paha, Rock, Brown, Custer, Cherry, Grant, Hooker, Thomas, Arthur, McPherson, Logan, Deuel, Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Greeley, Valley, Sherman and Furnas Counties.

The Commission finds that the request should be granted and access given to ECN to download and view GIS data for the above-listed counties per its request. It shall not have access to any layers containing proprietary information. The Commission will determine any other specific permissions to be assigned to the passwords.

The terms of the Acknowledgment and Agreement Regarding GIS Access and Use Policy remain in full effect.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Emergency Communications Network's application for additional access to the GIS Repository is granted with respect to Howard, Holt, Boyd, Keya Paha, Rock, Brown, Custer, Cherry, Grant, Hooker, Thomas, Arthur, McPherson, Logan, Deuel, Thomas, Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Greeley, Valley Sherman and Furnas Counties as set forth herein.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 13th day of April, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director