

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska                    ) Application No. 911-024.31  
Public Service Commission, on                    )  
its own motion, seeking to                    )  
develop policies and process                    ) ORDER GRANTING AMENDED ACCESS  
requests for access to GIS data                )  
and the GIS Repository: Nebraska                )  
Department of Natural Resources.                ) Entered: September 9, 2014

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.

On April 9, 2013, the Commission approved an amended GIS Data Repository Access and Use Policy and a procedure for entities to request access to the Repository.

On or about August 27, 2014, the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources submitted an application requesting to amend its access to the Repository for purposes of obtaining GIS data for Clay County in their work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FEMA FIRM). The application also adds designated persons who will access the repository. The request does not seek access to any proprietary or confidential information. The Commission finds that the request should be granted and the existing password expanded to allow access to the additional data and for the additional personnel.

The Department shall abide by the Commission GIS Access and Use Policy, attached hereto as Appendix A. Failure to do so could result in a loss of access to the Repository. The Commission reserves the right to amend the Policy at any time.

The Commission does not warrant the accuracy or completeness of the data maintained in the Repository.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Department's application for amended access to the GIS Repository is granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Department shall be bound by the Commission's GIS Access and Use Policy attached hereto as Appendix A as may be amended.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 9th day of September, 2014.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Department's application for amended access to the GIS Repository is granted.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 9th day of September, 2014.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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**GIS Repository Access and Use Policy**

General

Access to the Repository shall be password protected. The Commission will assign passwords to allow access to the Repository to each approved entity.

Access to the Repository shall be limited to federal or state agencies, counties, municipalities or other political subdivisions or entities or individuals acting on behalf of such agencies, counties, municipalities or other political subdivisions pursuant to a contract.

Only those entities and individuals approved by the Commission will have access to the Repository.

The Commission makes no warranties or guarantees with respect to the accuracy or completeness of the data contained within the Repository.

Request for Access to Repository

All requests for access to the Repository shall be made to the Commission in writing on the Commission approved form. The Commission and the Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department reserve the right to request additional information regarding any request.

Requests for access do not constitute requests for public records pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712 et seq. Such requests shall be made consistent with statutory requirements.

All individuals who will be permitted to use the password shall be listed on the form.

The Commission will grant only those permissions necessary to allow the entity to use the Repository for its approved purpose. Access will be tailored to the needs of the requesting entity or individual.

The Commission reserves the right to deny access to any entity or individual or revoke access from any entity or individual as permitted by state law, Commission rules and regulations or Commission orders.

All approved entities and individuals are required to update the information on file with the Commission with respect to users immediately upon any changes. Failure to do so may result in revocation of access to the Repository.

Updates and Downloads

Upload capabilities enables a user to upload and replace data on the Repository. The ability to upload data onto the Repository requires advanced GIS technical expertise to ensure data are formatted in the correct manner.

The potential exists for damage to the Repository and corrupt the Repository database should incorrectly formatted or poorly constructed GIS data be uploaded onto the system.

The Commission will review upload access requests on a case-by-case basis.