

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.06
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for public) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
safety answering points for the)
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:)
City of Grand Island.) Entered: June 21, 2011

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On or about March 30, 2010, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened the above-mentioned docket, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism approved under Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.

On April 4, 2011, the City of Grand Island (Grand Island) filed its application for funding with the Commission pursuant to Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.

Grand Island, which provides service to Hall County, is eligible for funding in the amount of \$94,519.82 for the 2011-12 funding year. Grand Island has indicated that it anticipates using the funding provided for the following purposes: pictometry GIS data, 911 trunk lines, 911 system annual maintenance, CAD services contract, E911 CAD interface, small equipment purchases and/or repair, Geolynx upgrade, and training, and plans to set aside 9% of its funding for future equipment and software upgrades and purchases.

In its application, Grand Island stated that it planned to use its funding to cover costs associated with language translation services for non-English speaking 911 callers. Based upon the face of the application and additional information provided, it appears that the services to be provided are done so pursuant to a personnel services contract constituting personnel costs and therefore ineligible for funding. This service was also listed among the planned uses of funding for Grand Island's 2010-2011 funding request approved June 15, 2010, and should also have been considered ineligible for funding at that time. Should Grand Island wish to have an opportunity to present evidence before the Commission as to why the costs associated with the contract should be considered eligible for funding, Grand Island may request

within 30 days from the date of this order that the Commission set the matter for hearing.

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Based upon the above, the Commission finds that the funding request for Grand Island in the amount of \$89,668.82, should be approved consistent with the allocation determined in Docket 911-019/PI-118.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for the City of Grand Island is hereby approved as set forth herein in the amount of \$89,668.82.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 21st day of June, 2011.

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//s//Frank E. Landis
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