

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.22
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 Columbus.) Entered: July 12, 2016

BY THE COMMISSION:

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.¹

On March 28, 2012, the City of Columbus (Columbus) filed a request to use set aside funds for the purchase of a WahlTek voice logger in the amount of \$27,929.00 in non-recurring costs and a five (5) year maintenance plan paid either as a lump sum of \$11,000.00 or \$14,874.00 annually.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the request at its June 21, 2016 meeting and recommended that the request be approved with the five year maintenance plan.

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

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) adopted the permanent cost model to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service under Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.

The costs sought by Columbus include \$27,929 in non-recurring costs, and a 5-year maintenance plan payable in either a lump sum of \$11,000 or \$14,874 annually. As these costs are eligible for funding subject to the wireless/wireline ratio, the maintenance costs should be paid on an annual basis for funding purposes. Utilizing the wireless ratio of 75% for the 2016-2017 funding year, the amount of maintenance would be up to \$11,155.50.

¹ Neb. Admin. Code Title 291, Ch. 15 (July 16, (2011)); *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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Columbus would need to apply each subsequent year's wireless ratio to the annual payment in order to determine the amount of the payment which can be paid using wireless funds. Non-recurring costs are also subject to the wireless ratio, which would be eligible for payment in the amount of up to \$20,946.75.

Based upon the request, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the costs are eligible under NEB. REV. STAT. § 86-465 as costs incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

The Commission finds that Columbus's request to use set-aside funds should be approved up to \$32,102.25 for non-recurring costs and the first year of the 5-year maintenance agreement. Subsequent payments for maintenance should be paid utilizing the wireless ratio for that particular funding year.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for the City of Columbus is hereby approved as set forth herein.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 12th day of July, 2016.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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