

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-042.27
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for public) ORDER APPROVING USE OF
safety answering points for the) FUNDING
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:)
Frontier County) Entered: July 11, 2017

BY THE COMMISSION:

On or about April 10, 2015, Frontier County (Frontier) filed a request with the Public Service Commission ("Commission") seeking approval for the use of enhanced wireless 911 set aside funds for the purchase and installation of new customer premise equipment at a cost of \$75,854.68, a new logging recorder at a cost of \$17,855.00 and a new telephone system at a cost of \$9,470.24.

According to the Frontier funding request, the telephone system serves six lines at the sheriff's office, only two of which are for 911 services. Therefore, only an amount equal to one-third of the cost of the telephone system, or \$3,156.75, would be an eligible cost for enhanced wireless 911 set aside funds. Therefore, the total amount of eligible expenditures for purposes of the Frontier funding request is \$96,866.43.

The Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board considered the Frontier request at its April 20, 2015 meeting and recommended the request be approved. The costs sought are shared costs subject to the wireless/wireline ratio. Frontier had a wireless/wireline ratio for the applicable funding year of 81% wireless.

In the course of an audit pursuant to the Docket No. 911-019/PI-118,¹ to verify that all amounts received from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund by Frontier were used for eligible costs, it was determined that no Order approving Frontier's funding request had been issued by the Commission. Notwithstanding, the requested equipment was purchased by Frontier and installed in 2015. Retroactive consideration of Frontier's funding request by the Commission is necessary in order to complete the audit.

¹ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement provisions of LB 1222 [2006] and to establish a permanent funding mechanism for wireless enhanced 911 service, Application No. 911-019/PI-118, FINAL ORDER ADOPTING MODEL AND APPLICATION PROCESS (February 23, 2010).

OPINION AND FINDINGS

The Commission adopted the permanent cost model to administer funding for public safety answering points ("PSAPs") for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service under Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.² The order establishing the cost model also provides that PSAPs' use of Enhanced Wireless 911 Funds are subject to audit by the Commission.

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 requested by Frontier in the April 10, 2015 funding request are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as costs have been 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 the request of Frontier for retroactive approval of the use of set aside funds for the purchase of equipment and software should be approved in the amount of **\$78,461.80**, representing 81% of \$96,866.43, reflecting the Frontier wireless/wireline ratio for the 2015-2016 funding year.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for Frontier is hereby retroactively approved in the amount of **\$78,461.80**.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 11th day of July, 2017.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Mary Reddie

Crystal Swadlow

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Tim Schram

Tim Schram
Chairman

ATTEST:

Shana Kutz

Executive Director

² Id.