## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. 911-042.70 Public Service Commission, on ) its own motion, seeking to ) administer funding for public ) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING, IN safety answering points for the ) PART implementation and provision of ) Enhanced Wireless 911 service: ) EDS 911. )

Entered: July 27, 2010

## BY THE COMMISSION:

## OPINION AND FINDINGS

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 June 17, 2010, EDS 911 (EDS) filed its application for funding with the Commission pursuant to Docket No. 911-019/PI-118.

EDS provides service for the 308 area code section of Franklin County including the communities of Hildreth, Franklin, Naponee and Bloomington. EDS is eligible for funding in the amount of up to \$24,077.41 for the 2010-11 funding year. EDS has indicated that it anticipates using the funding provided for the following purposes: maintenance of hardware and software, telephone services and that it plans to set aside forty percent (40%) of its funding for future equipment and software upgrades and purchases.

EDS has not yet implemented enhanced wireless 911 but is in the process of doing so. As such, no payment can be made to the city until such implementation is completed. The eligible funding will be prorated based upon the date of implementation and the city will not receive the full allocation.

Prior funding commitments exist in the amount of \$1,375.00 and must be deducted from the allocation. Additionally, the Commission finds that due to the late filing of its application, EDS' total annual allocation should be further reduced in an amount equal to one month's payment in the amount of \$1,891.87. The monthly payments shall be recalculated based upon the reduced annual allocation. Such a reduction is necessary as a matter of fairness to those PSAPs who filed applications in a timely manner.

Based upon the above, the Commission finds that funding request for EDS in the amount of up to \$20,810.54 should be approved consistent with the allocation determined in Docket 911-019/PI-118. Payments of a prorated amount will commence once implementation of wireless enhanced 911 services is complete. EDS is responsible for notifying the Commission once implementation has taken place.

Pursuant to Docket 911-019/PI-118, EDS is required to submit documentation to justify expenditures, including an accounting of funds set aside for future equipment and software purchases, and update contact and other information no later than October 15 following the close of the funding year. If the Commission determines that any funds were not used appropriately, funding for the following funding year will be adjusted to recoup any necessary funds. All PSAPs are subject to audit.

## ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the funding request for EDS is hereby approved in part as set forth herein in the amount of up to \$20,810.54.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that payments of a prorated amount will commence once implementation of wireless enhanced 911 service has occurred and EDS has notified the Commission.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that EDS submit required documentation to justify all expenditures with approved funds no later than October 15 following the close of the funding year consistent with the terms of the order approving the permanent funding mechanism and process in Docket 911-019/PI-118 entered on February 23, 2010.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this  $27^{\rm th}$  day of July, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director