

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-043.07
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
administer funding for wireless)
service providers for the) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
implementation and provision of)
Enhanced Wireless 911 service:)
Pinpoint Wireless, d/b/a BLAZE)
Wireless.) Entered: July 17, 2012

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-captioned docket, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for wireless service providers 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 16, 2012, Pinpoint Wireless, d/b/a BLAZE Wireless (Pinpoint) filed an application for funding pursuant to Neb. Admin. Code Title 291, Ch. 15 § 007.01. Pinpoint serves multiple counties within Nebraska and states that the funds will be used for recurring monthly costs for access peering, Phase I/II site fees, maintenance fees and NRC set-up charges. Pinpoint has requested an annual funding amount of \$32,340.00.

Pending resolution of the issues currently being considered in Docket No. 911-019/PI-118¹, staff was directed to estimate an interim funding amount for carriers that had not previously received funding based in part on the funding received by similarly situated wireless service providers. However, Pinpoint is unique as compared to other providers in that its wireless tower presence within Nebraska is relatively low and is only in a limited number of counties. Therefore, based upon the amounts estimated to be allocated to the counties in which Pinpoint has a physical presence, Commission staff estimates that Pinpoint is eligible for interim funding up to \$400.00 paid in monthly installments of \$36.36 for funding year 2012-2013.

The Commission finds that the funding request for Pinpoint in the amount of \$400.00 should be approved, paid in monthly

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, Order Making Findings, Establishing a Schedule and Setting a Hearing (June 26, 2012).*

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Pinpoint is required to submit documentation to justify expenditures, and update contact and other information no later than October 15 following the close of the funding year consistent with Neb. Admin. Code, Title 291, Ch. 15 § 008.

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 wireless service providers are subject to audit.

Any wireless service provider failing to file timely and accurate quarterly reports may be subject to delays or loss of funding in addition to any other administrative penalties.

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Pinpoint must submit required documentation to justify all expenditures with approved funds no later than October 15 following the close of the funding year consistent with Neb. Admin. Code, Title 291, Ch. 15 § 008.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 17th day of July, 2012.

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//s// Rod Johnson