

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,)	Application No. 911-046/
on its own motion, seeking to)	PI-167
investigate costs and options)	
for the statewide maintenance of)	ORDER OPENING DOCKET AND
Geographic Information Systems)	SEEKING COMMENT
(GIS) Data necessary for the)	
provision of Enhanced Wireless)	
911 Service.)	Entered: April 27, 2010

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Nebraska Public Service Commission opens the present docket on its own motion, seeking to investigate costs and options for the statewide maintenance of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Data necessary for the provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 Service.

To date, public safety answering points (PSAPs) have been responsible for the maintenance of their own GIS data. Douglas, Sarpy and Lancaster Counties each employ in-house personnel to satisfy this function. Other counties have entered into contracts with firms to handle this function. Many of these contracts will be expiring within the next year. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund (Fund) has previously paid one hundred percent of the cost of these contracts. However, under the permanent funding mechanism established in Docket 911-019/PI-118, these will be treated as shared costs between wireless and wireline 911 service and will be subject to the wireless/wireline allocation factor.

The maintenance of accurate GIS data is vital to the operation of the enhanced 911 system. Therefore, the Commission is seeking alternatives to ensure that this data is maintained in the most efficient and cost effective manner.

In order to further that objective, the Commission seeks comment on the following from all interested parties:

1. What are the cost-causers with respect to the maintenance of GIS data?
2. Should each PSAP be required to enter into an individual maintenance contract or would a time and materials basis be acceptable?
3. Does a mechanism exist to allow multiple PSAPs to enter into a joint maintenance contract for this data? If so, what process would be required?
4. Does a method exist to enter into a statewide contract for the maintenance of GIS data for those PSAPs who lack trained personnel to accomplish this task?

5. Who would be the authorized entity to pursue a statewide contract for the maintenance of GIS data (i.e. Department of Administrative Services, the Commission)?
6. Do state, county or municipal employees or entities exist who could provide this service to PSAPs? If so, under what arrangement?
7. Any other issues related to the maintenance of GIS data.

All interested parties should file comments on the above-listed issues with the Commission **on or before June 18, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.** All parties filing comments should file one original and eight (8) paper copies and email one electronic copy to brandy.zierott@nebraska.gov.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the above-captioned docket be, and it is hereby, opened seeking to investigate costs and options for the statewide maintenance of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Data necessary for the provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 Service.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all interested parties should file comments on the above-listed issues with the Commission **on or before June 18, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.** All parties filing comments should file one original and eight (8) paper copies and email one electronic copy to brandy.zierott@nebraska.gov.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 27th day of April, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director