

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska ) Application No. 911-048  
Public Service Commission, on )  
its own motion, seeking to )  
manage and fund intertandem ) ORDER OPENING DOCKET AND  
trunking necessary for the ) APPROVING FUNDING  
implementation and provision of )  
enhanced wireless 911 service. )  
 ) Entered: June 2, 2010

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) hereby opens the above-captioned docket, on its own motion, to manage and fund intertandem trunking necessary for the implementation and provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

The Commission included completion of intertandem trunking as a project to be funded through the ENHANCE 911 Act in Docket No. 911-040/PI-152 approved in an order entered on July 28, 2009. The Commission further determined that matching funds for the project will be provided through the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund.

Pursuant to the July 28, 2009 order, the Commission pursued and was awarded funding for the completion of intertandem trunking between Grand Island and Scottsbluff.

Qwest provided pricing for the completion of intertandem trunking between Grand Island and Scottsbluff on or about January 4, 2010. Costs include one time fees of **\$30,876.17** and a monthly network fee of **\$1,488.48** for a sixty (60) month term. The Commission has reviewed the pricing and found it to be acceptable and consistent with their tariff. Pricing has not yet been received from CenturyTel for completion of this intertandem trunking on the Scottsbluff end.

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Based upon the supporting documentation, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the costs, subject to the limitations set forth herein, are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as all costs have been incurred or will be 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 costs as outlined above should be and are hereby approved.

Additional funding for this project is available through the ENHANCE 911 grant program. Any eligible costs should be paid through the ENHANCE 911 grant program to the extent permitted by law with the remaining matching funds provided through the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund, including any recurring costs.

Qwest shall provide a contract setting out the terms of the project and costs consistent with this order.

If the Nebraska Legislature fails to appropriate or authorize the expenditure of sufficient funds to provide for the payment of costs from the Fund or, if a lawful order issued in or for any fiscal year during the term of the contract reduces the funds appropriated or authorized in such amounts as to preclude making the payments from the Fund, the Commission will not be responsible for any costs not reimbursed by the Fund.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that funding for the completion of intertandem trunking between Grand Island and Scottsbluff is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that funding shall be provided through the ENHANCE 911 grant to the extent permitted by law with matching funds provided through the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund, including recurring monthly costs.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that Qwest shall provide a contract for signature to the Commission setting forth the specific terms of the project and costs.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 2nd day of June, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director