

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Application No. 911-051/
on its own motion, seeking to) PI-177
investigate payments from the)
Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for) ORDER OPENING DOCKET,
certain contracts for) SEEKING COMMENT AND SETTING
Geographical Information Systems) HEARING
(GIS) data services.)
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) Entered: May 24, 2011

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Nebraska Public Service Commission opens the present docket on its own motion, seeking to investigate payments from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for certain contracts for Geographical Information Systems (GIS) data and consulting services.

The Commission has received inquiries from public safety answering points (PSAPs) regarding whether funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund can be used to pay all costs of certain consulting contracts for GIS data services or whether the costs of such contracts are subject to the wireless/wireline allocation factor as outlined in Application No. 911-019/PI-118.

The Commission previously stated, "GIS data services are shared costs between wireless and wireline 911 and are therefore subject to the wireless/wireline ratio, unless a higher wireless call volume has been demonstrated by the PSAP."¹ Therefore, current costs related to GIS data services are subject to the allocation and may not be fully funded by enhanced wireless 911 funds.

Based upon the inquiries received it appears that a certain vendor has attempted to draft a consulting contract to indicate GIS data services are only related to enhanced wireless 911 services in an effort to render the cost of the contract eligible for full funding from the Fund.

The Commission seeks information and comment regarding the contracts and services at issue in order to determine whether a

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 911-019/PI-118, Progression Order No. 1, at 2 (April 6, 2010).*

change in policy with respect to the funding of GIS data services is warranted. Specifically, the Commission seeks comment as to the specific services being provided under the consulting contracts and how the services provided under the consulting contracts at issue differ from general GIS data services.

All interested parties should file comments on the above-listed issues with the Commission **on or before July 1, 2011 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.

Hearing on this matter is scheduled for **July 12, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at the meeting, please call the Commission at (402) 471-3101. For people with hearing/speech impairments, please call the Commission at (402) 471-0213 (TDD) or the Nebraska Relay System at (800) 833-7352 (TDD) or (800) 833-0920 (Voice). Advance notice of at least seven days is needed when requesting an interpreter.

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, on its own motion, seeking to investigate payments from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for certain contracts for Geographical Information Systems (GIS) data and consulting services.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all interested parties should file comments on the above-listed issues with the Commission **on or before July 1, 2011 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.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that hearing on this matter is scheduled for **July 12, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of
May, 2011.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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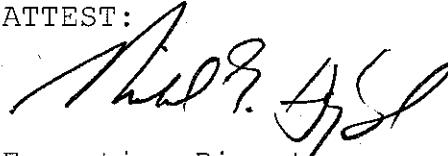
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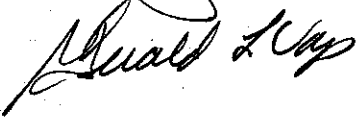
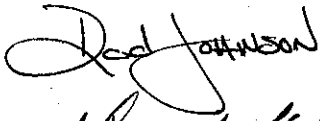
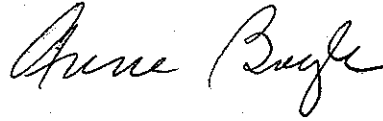


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//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Tim Schram