

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,     ) Application No. 911-052/  
on its own motion, seeking to        ) PI-178  
investigate and establish             )  
policies for the advance of           ) ORDER OPENING DOCKET,  
Enhanced Wireless 911 Funds to       ) SEEKING COMMENT AND SETTING  
PSAPs for purchases of equipment     ) HEARING  
and software.                         )  
                                          )  
                                          ) Entered: June 1, 2011

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Nebraska Public Service Commission opens the present docket on its own motion, seeking to investigate and establish policies for the advance of Enhanced Wireless 911 Funds to PSAPs for purchases of equipment and software.

In adopting the permanent funding mechanism, the Commission previously stated:

PSAPs are not required to wait to apply for funding until they have saved sufficient funds from their monthly allocation to cover the cost of the equipment and software. To the extent that there is an insufficient balance in the PSAP's equipment and software fund, after an accounting is received of the funds the PSAP has available, the Commission will pay the appropriate percentage of the cost of the equipment and software and a deduction will be made from the future annual allocation to the PSAP until the expense is reimbursed to the Fund. At that point, the PSAP will again begin receiving its full allocation. Any funding requests representing a second request for equipment and software funding received prior to the establishment of the funding mechanism will be treated in this same manner. The amount of funding will be deducted over five (5) years in equal installments. Should the amount attributable to wireless be in excess of that PSAP's equipment and maintenance allocation over five years, the Commission will adjust the amount to be deducted.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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, Final Order Adopting Model and Process at 8-9 (Feb. 23, 2009).

The Commission's original intent was to insure a funding option for those PSAPs whose equipment or software had not been replaced or upgraded recently. Based upon requests received since the implementation of the permanent funding mechanism, we find that the equipment and software program needs further clarification. Therefore, the Commission releases for comment the policy attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated herein by this reference.

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 five (5) paper copies and email one electronic copy to [brandy.zierott@nebraska.gov](mailto: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 five (5) paper copies and e-mail one electronic copy to [brandy.zierott@nebraska.gov](mailto: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 1st day of June, 2011.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

## **APPENDIX A**

### **911-SAM Policies for Funding Advancement**

- Advanced funding shall only be used for the purchase and upgrade of equipment and software necessary for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service. Any equipment and software that is incidental and essential for receiving enhanced wireless 911 calls.
- Funds are advanced only once per PSAP/county.
- Advanced funding must be capable of being reimbursed to the Fund through deductions from the PSAPs annual allocation within five (5) years of its disbursement assuming the deductions will not exceed 75% of the PSAPs annual allocation.
- All requests for advanced funding must be accompanied by a detailed explanation of the equipment/software being purchased along with the associated costs; an affidavit stating the amount to be advanced, the amount of wireless 911 funds the PSAP has saved up to the time the request is made, a breakdown of all funds being used to purchase the equipment/software including but not limited to enhanced wireless 911 funds, landline 911 funds, and general funds, what the funds will be used for, and an acknowledgement that the advanced funds will be deducted from future allocations from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund.
- All requests for advanced funding will be put before the Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board for recommendation and require a hearing before the Commission.

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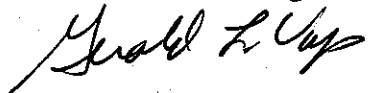
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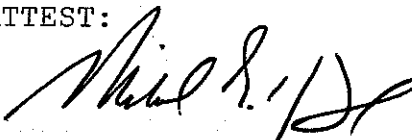
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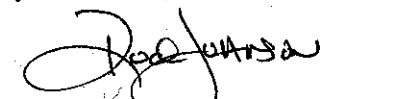
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//s//Frank E. Landis  
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