

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,)	Application No. 911-059/
on its own motion, seeking to)	PI-190
investigate and determine)	
whether set aside funds from the)	ORDER OPENING DOCKET AND
Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund may)	SCHEDULING HEARING
be used for consulting costs)	
relating to the selection and)	
purchase of equipment and)	Entered: April 29, 2014
software.)	

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opens the present docket on its own motion seeking to investigate and determine whether set aside funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund may be used for consulting costs relating to the selection and purchase of equipment and software.

On April 7, 2014, Nemaha County filed a request to use its set aside funds for costs associated with a consultant to assist with a request for proposal for equipment and software and supervising the installation of the equipment and software to establish a regional public safety answering point (PSAP). Fourteen counties would share backroom equipment and each individual PSAP would maintain call taking positions in its county. The fourteen counties would be Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Seward, Thayer, and York counties.

The Commission adopted the permanent cost model to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service under Docket No. 911-019/PI-118. Pursuant to the permanent funding mechanism, PSAPs are permitted to retain up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the amount allocated to that PSAP for the future purchase of equipment and software. Currently, the costs of consultants related to the selection and purchase of equipment and software has not been specifically addressed.

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It is likely that we will receive other similar requests from PSAPs participating in this project. Therefore, the Commission finds that the issue should be addressed generally as all of the PSAPs will be similarly situated. A hearing should be scheduled as soon as practical on the question of whether PSAPs may utilize set aside funds, subject to the wireless/wireline allocation factor,

for the purpose of paying consulting costs related to the selection and purchase of equipment and software.

The Commission finds that a hearing on the matter should be scheduled for **May 28, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. For purposes of administrative efficiency, hearing on this matter will be held jointly with the hearing on Nemaha County's Application No. 911-042.01.

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.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 29th day of April, 2014.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

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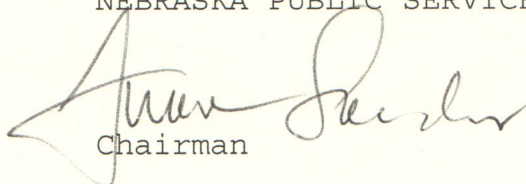
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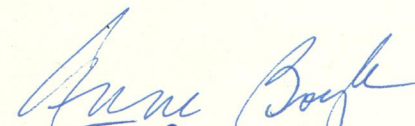

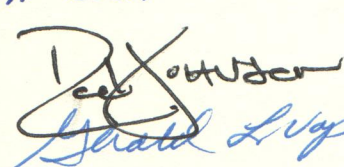
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