

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Application No. 911-060.49
on its own motion, seeking to)
investigate and determine)
whether additional funds from)
the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund) ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION
should be made available to)
public safety answering points)
for costs to implement text to)
911 solutions: Douglas County.) Entered: January 27, 2015

BY THE COMMISSION:

On April 9, 2014 the Douglas County public safety answering point (Douglas County) submitted a request for funding to implement text to 911. At the time, the Commission had not yet developed policies and procedures for funding text to 911.

On May 6, 2014 the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) entered an order on its own motion seeking to investigate and determine whether additional funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund should be made available to public safety answering points (PSAPs) for costs to implement text to 911 solutions.

On November 4, 2014 the Commission released Progression Order 3 in this docket, setting out the procedure to fund text to 911 outside the cost model for PSAPs ready to implement technology solutions on an interim basis. The staff proposal adopted set out the application process for PSAPs seeking interim funding for text to 911 solutions.

O P I N I O N S A N D F I N D I N G S

According to Neb. Rev. Stat. 86-465(2), costs incurred by public safety answering points for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service may be eligible for payment from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund, according to standards and criteria established by the Commission.

Pursuant to the staff proposal adopted in Progression Order 3 in this docket, the Commission may approve funding requests for text to 911 technology solutions costs such as text control center contracts, staff training, trunks necessary for additional text traffic, other costs related to the provision of text to 911

services not attributed more generally to 911 emergency response services. Progression Order No. #3 further specified that the Commission intended to limit approval of text to 911 related service contracts to no more than three years.

On November 17, 2014 Douglas County submitted an application in this docket requesting text to 911 funding for a Direct IP solution. The application lists \$112.50 of non-recurring costs for equipment and \$8,775.12 of monthly recurring costs for 24 months.

The application was then reviewed by technical subject matter experts, Mission Critical Partners, who advised the Commission that the technology proposed by Douglas County was Next Generation 911 compatible and covered all wireless carriers currently deploying text to 911. MCP held no reservation in the technical design of the solution but cautioned the Commission to ensure CPE-upgrades were fully explored.

On January 12, 2015 the Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered and approved Douglas County's request for text to 911 interim funding.

The Commission finds the application submitted by Douglas County contains eligible costs under the interim text to 911 funding orders.

PSAPs must submit invoices for payment by the Commission or submit invoices with evidence of payment for reimbursement to the PSAP from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the text to 911 technology solution funding request submitted by Douglas County be and hereby is approved in an amount not to exceed eight thousand eight hundred eighty-seven dollars and 62 cents(\$8,887.62).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Douglas County submit required documentation to justify all expenditures for payment or reimbursement from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 27th day of
January, 2015.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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Executive Director

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