

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of Douglas County,     ) Application No. PSAP-002  
seeking approval of funding for     )  
recurring and non-recurring costs   ) GRANTED  
of implementation of enhanced        )  
wireless 911.                         ) Entered: February 5, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received January 24, 2002, Douglas County seeks funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses of implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service. Douglas County has one public safety answering point (PSAP), which will provide enhanced wireless 911 service throughout Douglas County. The local exchange carrier serving Douglas County's PSAP is Qwest Corporation (Qwest). Douglas County's PSAP is served by the following wireless carriers: Cricket Communications, Sprint PCS, Qwest Wireless, ALLTEL/Aliant Cellular, and Verizon Wireless. Two carriers, Cricket Communications and Sprint PCS, have implemented and begun providing enhanced wireless 911.

Douglas County entered into a service agreement with Qwest for enhanced wireless 911 equipment and services. A copy of the agreement is attached to the request for funding. In the agreement, Douglas County authorized the Nebraska Public Service Commission to remit all payments for enhanced wireless 911 service to Qwest.

Douglas County seeks initial costs of \$285,779.40 and recurring costs of \$18,960.60 per month to implement and provide enhanced wireless 911 service for each of the above-listed wireless carriers. Additionally, Douglas County seeks recurring costs incurred for providing enhanced wireless 911 for Cricket Communications beginning October 10, 2001. Douglas County also seeks recurring costs incurred for providing enhanced wireless 911 for Sprint PCS beginning December 12, 2001. Initial costs are for database upgrades, trunking infrastructure and purchase, installation, and testing of circuits for enhanced wireless 911. Recurring costs are monthly fees for database management and for operation and maintenance of trunks and circuits.

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

This request for funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§86-2201 to 86-2214. (2001 Supp.), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, and Progression Order No. 2 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered December 18, 2001. Since the filing of this request for funding on January 24, 2002, this Commission has adopted Progression Order No. 3 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered January 29, 2002.

Costs requested are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. §86-2210 (2001 Supp.) All costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance and operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

Douglas County has submitted an implementation plan in compliance with Progression Order No. 2 in Commission Docket No. 911-001. Since Douglas County's application, the Commission's guidelines for administration of the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund have been revised, including provisions pertaining to the implementation plan. Under Progression Order No. 3 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, a PSAP must provide more information than was required by the implementation plan, and the implementation plan is renamed a "PSAP registration." The Commission will accept Douglas County's implementation plan for purposes of this request for funding, however, Douglas County must submit a PSAP registration in compliance with Progression Order No. 3 within 30 days.

Because Douglas County authorized Qwest to receive all payments on its behalf for wireless enhanced 911, the Commission finds that payment should be made to Qwest upon invoice. Only invoices that comport with the approved costs in this order will be paid. Recurring costs requested for partial months must be pro rated.

Based upon the request for funding and supporting documentation, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the request for funding should be granted.

## O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Douglas County's request for funding should be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon invoice from Qwest, the Commission shall remit to Qwest amounts that comport with this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Douglas County submit a PSAP registration in compliance with Progression Order No. 3 in Commission Docket No. 911-001 within 30 days of the effective date of this order.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 5th day of February, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director