

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Chase County,)	Application No. PSAP-009.1
Imperial, seeking approval of)	
supplementary funding for costs)	GRANTED
associated with Wireless E911)	
implementation.)	Entered: June 25, 2003

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received April 18, 2003, Chase County, Imperial, seeks additional funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses of implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service. Chase County has one public safety answering point (PSAP), which will provide enhanced wireless 911 service throughout Chase County. The local exchange carrier serving Chase County's PSAP is Qwest Corporation (Qwest). Chase County's PSAP is served by the following wireless carriers: ALLTEL and Western Wireless.

Chase 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, Chase County authorized the Nebraska Public Service Commission to remit all payments, including the charges of third-party database vendor Intrado, for enhanced wireless 911 service to Qwest.

Chase County seeks additional costs of \$10,633.00 to implement and provide enhanced wireless 911 service for each of the above-listed wireless carriers. These additional costs are for database upgrades, specifically for a 10/20 digit automatic location identification (ALI) feature. This feature is necessary because Chase County's PSAP borders the State of Colorado and requires 10/20 ALI to transfer wireless calls to Colorado and receive transferred wireless calls from Colorado, when necessary and appropriate.

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

This request for additional 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. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 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.

Chase County has submitted a PSAP registration in compliance with Commission Docket No. 911-001.

Because Chase 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. All costs of Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) surcharges and any legitimate government-imposed taxes or surcharges assessed on enhanced wireless 911 charges should also be paid.

O R D E R

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

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any government-imposed taxes or surcharges assessed on enhanced wireless 911 charges shall be paid.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Chase County provide to the Commission, updated subscriber counts on a quarterly basis, and that payments to Chase County shall be adjusted accordingly.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 25th day of June, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director