

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Howard County) Application No. PSAP-014.2
PSAP, St. Paul, seeking funding)
approval for recurring and non-) GRANTED
recurring costs of Wireless)
E-911 implementation.)
) Entered: January 11, 2006

BY THE COMMISSION:

Howard County has implemented and is providing Phase I wireless enhanced 911 service to customers of several wireless carriers, and costs of such service have been approved in Application No(s). PSAP-014 and PSAP-014.1. On December 19, 2005, the Commission received an application from Howard County for costs of monthly recurring and non-recurring costs to implement an additional wireless carrier, Viaero. Enhanced wireless 911 service for Viaero has not yet been implemented in Howard County. Howard County seeks initial costs of \$236.85 and recurring costs of \$10.39. 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.

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

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. §§ 86-442 to 86-469 (2004 Cum. 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. § 86-465 (2004 Cum. 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.

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

Because Howard County authorized Qwest to receive all payments on its behalf for wireless enhanced 911, the Commission further finds that payment should be remitted 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 prorated.

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. The Commission further finds that the Commission should true-up its subscriber counts and provide wireless cell site information on a quarterly basis and that the Commission should adjust payments for non-recurring and recurring charges accordingly.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Howard 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.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 11th day of January, 2006.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

