

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Platte)	Application No. PSAP-027
County/Columbus Police)	
Department, Columbus, seeking)	
funding approval for recurring)	GRANTED
and non-recurring costs)	
associated with Wireless E911)	
implementation.)	Entered: August 26, 2003

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received August 12, 2003, Platte County/Columbus Police Department, Columbus, seeks funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses of implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service. Platte County/Columbus Police Department has one public safety answering point (PSAP) located at the Columbus Police Department, which will provide enhanced wireless 911 service throughout Platte County/Columbus Police Department. The local exchange carrier serving Platte County/Columbus Police Department's PSAP is Qwest Corporation (Qwest). Platte County/Columbus Police Department's PSAP is served by the following wireless carriers: Alltel Wireless, Western Wireless and Air-gate Wireless.

Platte County/Columbus Police Department 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, Platte County/Columbus Police Department authorized the Nebraska Public Service Commission to remit all payments for enhanced wireless 911 service to Qwest.

Platte County/Columbus Police Department seeks initial costs of \$24,679.90 and recurring costs of \$1,783.10 per month to implement and provide enhanced wireless 911 service for each of the above-listed wireless carriers. 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. §§ 86-442 to 86-469 (2002 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 (2002 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.

Platte County/Columbus Police Department has submitted a PSAP registration in compliance with Commission Docket No. 911-001.

Because Platte County/Columbus Police Department 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 Platte County/Columbus Police Department's request for funding shall 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 any government-imposed taxes or surcharges assessed on enhanced wireless 911 charges shall be paid.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 26th day of August, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director