

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Western	)	Application No. WSP-006
Wireless, Bellevue, Washington,	)	
seeking approval of request for	)	GRANTED
funding from Enhanced Wireless	)	
911 Fund.	)	Entered: September 11, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received June 11, 2002, Western Wireless seeks funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund to provide enhanced wireless 911 service to the following public safety answering points (PSAPs): Adams, Antelope, Arthur, Banner, Blaine, Boone, Boyd, Brown, Buffalo, Burt, Butler, Cass, Cedar, Chase, Cherry, Clay, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Dakota, Dawson, Dixon, Dodge, Dundy, Fillmore, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Gage, Garfield, Gosper, Grant, Greeley, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Holt, Hooker, Howard, Jefferson, Johnson, Kearney, Keith, Keya Paha, Knox, Lancaster, Lincoln, Logan, Loup, Madison, McPherson, Merrick, Nance, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Perkins, Phelps, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Red Willow, Richardson, Rock, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Sherman, Stanton, Thayer, Thomas, Thurston, Valley, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Wheeler and York Counties.

Western Wireless seeks initial costs of \$210,273.00 and recurring costs of \$25,222.56 per month to implement and provide enhanced wireless 911 service for each of the above-listed PSAPs. Initial costs are for data circuits, facility charges, engineering labor, database upgrades, project management and other operations costs. Recurring costs are monthly fees for data circuits, facility charges, ongoing engineering labor, database management and project management.

## 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. 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 to implement enhanced wireless 911 service, and include the following: (a) the portion of the costs for new equipment used for providing enhanced wireless 911 service; (b) costs to lease another vendor's equipment or services to provide enhanced wireless 911 service; (c) costs to create or maintain

any database or database elements used solely for enhanced wireless 911 service; and (d) other costs of establishing enhanced wireless 911 service.

Western Wireless has submitted an implementation plan in compliance with Commission Docket No. 911-001.

The Commission finds that payment should be made to Western Wireless 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. Furthermore, Western Wireless should provide to the Commission updated subscriber counts and cell site counts, both on a quarterly basis, and the Commission should adjust payments for non-recurring and recurring charges accordingly.

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 Western Wireless's request for funding should be granted.

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

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 11th day of September, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director