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Public Service Commission  
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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Application No. 911-057/PI-187 regarding funding for the development of address points.

Building an address point layer for each county would be a huge step forward in moving our 911 systems towards NG911. An address point layer would be an invaluable tool to the dispatchers working to locate victims and assist responders.

Emergencies are inherently stressful, especially for victims and witnesses. Dispatchers struggle at times to get accurate location information from callers and responses are delayed when callers are unable to give their locations. An address point layer would be a very important tool for the dispatcher to use in verifying locations and directing responders to specific addresses.

If the PSC pays for the addressing, it will help ensure that jurisdictions across the state have this important map layer available. If the funding is left to the individual counties, there will be some who will not invest in an address layer. Therefore, the layer would not be available to their neighboring counties. Every PSAP needs to have this layer not only for their own jurisdiction but for the neighboring ones as well. If the PSC funds this build separately from the

individual allocations, it is much more likely that the information will be created for everyone to access.

If the funding is made available, the best means of obtaining this data would be to allow each county to contract with their current GIS provider to build the layer. In my county, part of the layer is already done so it would save money for me to have my own provider finish the layer rather than have someone else start over.

My provider has indicated the cost to build the address layer for Dodge County would be in the \$15,000-\$25,000 range. It's difficult to be specific by they were able to provide an estimate.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this subject. I hope the Public Service Commission will see how valuable this data will be to 911 centers and decide to fund it.

Thank You.

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