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Nebraska Public Service Commission
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RE: Comments on Application No. 911-057/PI-187, the development of an address point data layer and whether additional funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 fund should be made available for the development.

Commission Members,

I appreciate the opportunity to support the development of an address point data layer, which will allow for the development of certain Geographical Information System (GIS) data necessary for adequate provision of enhanced wireless 911 services in Nebraska. The development of an address point data layer will become an even more important need as the state progresses into next generation 911 service. Also, as the need for an address point data layer is necessary solely for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service and next generation 911 services and could be more efficiently acquired through a state bid process, I believe the funding of the address point data layer should be outside the current 911-SAM.

I would agree with Ms. Vanicek's testimony at the March 20, 2013 hearing that it inadvisable to make a decision on the development of an address point data layer until the results of the next generation 911 study are completed. The information that will be provided by the study should better identify the need and define the development of the data layer.

There was testimony at the March 20, 2013 hearing that there were not known standards for the development of an address point data layer and that there was insufficient information available as to the cost of the development of the data layer. There was also testimony which indicated that some surrounding states are also involved in the process of the development of an address point data layer. I would recommend the Public Service Commission investigate the standards being established in surrounding states and nationally to allow for appropriate standards for development of the data layer in Nebraska. Also, as there is the possibility of the development of an address point data layer by GIS Workshop at little or no cost and the fact that any cost for the development of an address point data layer would be far more effectively and efficiently negotiated on a statewide basis by the Public Service Commission as the state moves into next generation 911 service, it seems prudent to wait to make decisions pending the completion of the next generation 911 study and following legislation to authorize a state agency to develop next generation 911 services and contract for services on behalf of all Public Safety Answering Points in the state. Additionally, it seems likely that the cost for an address point data layer could be included as portion of any cost model developed for the implementation of next generation 911 services,

Respectfully submitted,



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