BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking comment on the request by United Way of the Midlands to be assigned the use of "211" in Gage, Otoe, Johnson, Blaine, Sherman, Valley, Red Willow, Hitchcock, Dundy, Chase, Hayes, and Western Frontier Counties, for access to First Call for Help (FCFH), a comprehensive information and referral service.	)	Application No. C-4231/ PI-156 ORDER OPENING A DOCKET Entered: December 8, 2009

BY THE COMMISSION:

On November 30, 2009, the Commission docketed a request by United Way of the Midlands based on a requests from CEDARS in Lincoln, Nebraska and the Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska in McCook, Nebraska, for use of "211" as the dialing code for First Call for Help (FCFH) services in the following counties in Nebraska: Gage, Otoe, Johnson, Blaine, Sherman, Valley, Red Willow, Hitchcock, Dundy, Chase, Hayes, and Western Frontier.

The Commission previously assigned "211" to United Way of the Midlands in Docket Nos. C-2621/PI-53, entered on February 20, 2002; C-2732, entered on July 23, 2002; C-3061/PI-75, entered on February 10, 2004; C-3066/PI-76, entered on February 10, 2004; C-3099/PI-77, entered on March 30, 2004; C-3223/PI 81, entered on September 21, 2004; C-3277/PI-88, entered on February 1, 2005; C-3327/PI-90, entered on March 22, 2005; C-3344/PI-92, entered on March 29, 2005; C-3403/PI-95 entered on May 13, 2005; C-3446/PI-100, entered on July 19, 2005; C-3454/PI-103 and C-3464/PI-105, entered on September 21, 2005; C-3489/PI-108, entered on November 8, 2005; C-3505/PI-109, entered on November 29, 2005; C-3869/PI-131 and C-3870/PI-132, entered on December 11, 2007; C-3903/PI-135, entered on March 18, 2008; C-3998/PI-146, entered on February 10, 2009; C-4187/PI-153, entered on August 25, 2009; C-4192/PI-154, entered on September 15, 2009 and C-4215/PI-155, entered on November 24, 2009, for use in numerous counties throughout the state.

First Call for Help, a program of the United Way of Midlands Volunteer Resource Center, is a comprehensive information and referral service.

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In order to proceed on this request, this docket will evaluate the public benefits of designating "211" for Gage, Otoe, Johnson, Blaine, Sherman, Valley, Red Willow, Hitchcock, Dundy, Chase, Hayes, and Western Frontier Counties. The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter on a date later if necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that this docket be opened and all interested parties are invited to comment.

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska on this 8th day of December, 2009.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

//s// Frank E. Landis

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