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Nebraska Public Service Commission
300 The Atrium, 1200 N St.
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Attn: Public Service Commissioners
Re: Progression Order Number 5 Seeking Comment 911-019-PI-118

Washington County Sheriff's Office 911 Communications Division, is responding to the Commission's inquiry regarding costs related to salaries for personnel receiving and handling 911 calls for the current year.

Washington County has eight (8) full time dispatchers. The dispatchers are also call takers. Their average hourly salary is \$14.79 per hour, excluding overtime and holidays.

We have two (2) dispatcher / call takers on duty most of the time. During that time they also perform data entry / retrieval into the National Crime Information Center database. They average one hour per day performing these tasks.

With that, the dispatchers spend 16,224 hours annually on call taking and dispatching. 8,112 hours per year is spent on call taking, with a total salary of \$119,976.48 annually.

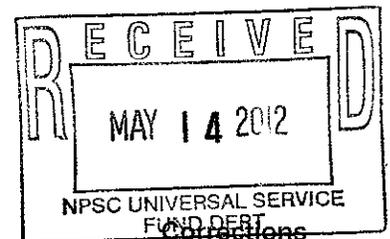
Our wireless to wireline ratio at this time is 55%. Using that formula, it is estimated that \$65,987.00 of the dispatcher's salaries would be an allowable expense.

At this time, we do not know what increases in salary (if any) will occur this coming fiscal year, as our employees are awaiting a ruling from the Nebraska CIR on their wages.

Washington County would also like to go on record as supporting the WSP adjustment.

Sincerely,

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