STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

Ford County, Illinois : 07-0266
Petition for Modification of a 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Number System.

ORDER

By the Commission:

On April 17, 2007, the County of Ford (“Petitioner”) filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission (“Commission”) a verified petition requesting the Commission’s approval of a modification to its Emergency Telephone Number System (“9-1-1 System”). On May 2, 2007, Commission Staff (“Staff”) filed an answer to the petition. In its answer, Staff states that it has thoroughly reviewed the petition and supports the request for modification. No hearing was held in this matter. Nor were any petitions to intervene received.

The record reflects that Petitioner received authority to operate its Enhanced 9-1-1 System in Docket No. 92-0169. Petitioner seeks to modify its Enhanced 9-1-1 System by eliminating one of two public safety answering points (“PSAP”). Currently, both Ford County and Gibson City operate PSAPs, which act as backups for each other. Petitioner seeks to eliminate the Gibson City PSAP due to cost concerns. If the requested modification is approved, the Gibson City PSAP will cease operations and all 9-1-1 calls will be routed to the Ford County PSAP. Petitioner states further that it has arranged for the Piatt County Sheriff’s Office PSAP to serve as its backup. Petitioner states that the Piatt County Sheriff’s Office PSAP meets all of the requirements for a backup PSAP prescribed in the Commission’s rules. A copy of the intergovernmental agreement between Petitioner and Piatt County concerning backup 9-1-1 services has been entered into the record. Petitioner seeks no other changes to its Enhanced 9-1-1 System.

The Commission finds the modification sought by Petitioner appropriate and reasonable and knows of no reason why the petition should not be granted. Having reviewed the entire record, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

1) the Commission has jurisdiction over the parties hereto and the subject matter hereof;

2) the facts recited and conclusions reached in the prefatory portion of this Order are supported by the record and are hereby adopted as findings of fact; and

3) Petitioner should be authorized to implement the modification to its Enhanced
9-1-1 System that it seeks.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Illinois Commerce Commission that the County of Ford is hereby authorized to implement the modification to its Emergency Telephone Number System described in the prefatory portion of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, subject to the provisions of Section 10-113 of the Public Utilities Act and 83 Ill. Adm. Code 200.880, this Order is final; it is not subject to the Administrative Review Law.

By order of the Commission this 16th day of May, 2007.

(SIGNED) CHARLES E. BOX

Chairman