

From: [Jim Cullen](#)
To: [Jill Lamb](#)
Subject: FW: [colorado911] Re: Annual Surcharge Rate and Distribution Proceeding
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From: colorado911@googlegroups.com <colorado911@googlegroups.com> **On Behalf Of** Branson - DORA, Daryl
Sent: Monday, August 1, 2022 10:33 AM
To: co911tf@googlegroups.com; colorado911@googlegroups.com
Subject: [colorado911] Re: Annual Surcharge Rate and Distribution Proceeding

Everyone,

The other form is working now, so if you don't want to file your comments through the e-filing system, you can use this online form instead:

https://www.dora.state.co.us/pls/efi/EFI_COMMENT_GUI.Telephone

To use this form, choose the third option, "Rulemaking and Investigations Initiated by Colorado Public Utilities Commission", then on the second page, choose the first option, "22M-0341T - Miscellaneous Proceeding for the Establishment of 2023 911 Charges". The third page is where you can provide your comments. You also have the ability to upload an attachment if you'd rather write your comments out in a Word document or PDF and provide them that way.

Thank you,

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On Mon, Aug 1, 2022 at 10:00 AM Branson - DORA, Daryl <daryl.branson@state.co.us> wrote:

Everyone, the proceeding number for this is 22M-0341T. The decision isn't in the proceeding, yet, but you can use that proceeding number to file comments through the PUC's [e-filing system](#). You will need to have an e-filing account to file comments with this method.

We also have an online form that does not require registration, but this proceeding hasn't been added to that form, yet. As soon as it is, I'll send out the link.

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On Wed, Jul 27, 2022 at 10:05 AM Branson - DORA, Daryl <daryl.branson@state.co.us> wrote:

To:
9-1-1 Task Force Participants
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Every year, the Commission opens a proceeding to propose the state 9-1-1 surcharge rate, emergency telephone charge application threshold, prepaid wireless 9-1-1 charge, and the distribution percentages for both the state 9-1-1 surcharge and the prepaid wireless 9-1-1 charge. The final decision has to be made by the Commission by October 1, and the new rates and distribution percentages take effect January 1.

The Commission approved a decision this morning to open the proceeding, provide initial proposals, and set deadlines for comments and reply comments. The official written version of the decision will be coming out in a few days, but I wanted to let you know what the initial proposals are so that you can start thinking about whether you wish to file comments in the

proceeding.

ETC Threshold. This is the maximum amount that a 9-1-1 governing body can set their local emergency telephone charge rate to without having to file an application with the Commission for approval. Currently, the rate is \$1.81. The proposed threshold for 2023 is \$1.97. This increase is based on the year-over-year inflation rate in May of 2022 of 8.6%. The decision calls for comments on whether this increase is appropriate and whether there are other factors that the Commission should consider in addition to inflation.

State 9-1-1 Surcharge Rate. This is the rate charged to every phone line in the state and collected by the Commission and distributed to the governing bodies based on how many concurrent sessions (connections to the ESInet) every 9-1-1 governing body is purchasing from Lumen. Currently, this surcharge is being used to reimburse the governing bodies for the monthly recurring charges in the ESInet tariff, and it's set at 9 cents per month. The proposed rate for 2023 is 8 cents per month. The reason for this decrease is that the average number of lines paying the surcharge has gone up significantly over the last year, but the amount of money that needs to be raised has only increased slightly. The decision calls for comments on whether there are other costs that should be considered in the setting of this surcharge rate.

Prepaid Wireless 9-1-1 Charge. This is the rate charge per transaction on any prepaid wireless telecommunications service purchases in the state. It is currently set at \$1.63, and the proposed rate for 2023 is 1.70. This rate is based on the average of the local ETC rates plus the proposed rate for state 9-1-1 surcharge.

Distribution Formulas. The distribution formula for the state 9-1-1 surcharge is based on the number of concurrent sessions each 9-1-1 governing body is purchasing from Lumen. Although the amount collected from the 9-1-1 surcharge varies from month to month, the average each governing body receives should roughly equal or exceed the amount it is spending in monthly recurring charges for the ESInet.

The distribution formula for the prepaid wireless 9-1-1 charge is based on the number of wireless 9-1-1 calls received by each PSAP, aggregated at the 9-1-1 governing body level.

The proposed percentages for both of these distributions are attached.

Comment Deadlines. The deadline for comments in this proceeding is August 19. Comments can be filed in response to initial comments by September 2. A final decision will be issued before the end of September.

As soon as a proceeding number has been assigned to this proceeding, I will send out another email with instructions for how to file comments. In the meantime, I'm happy to answer any questions you may have. *If you have suggestions or alternate proposals for the rates or distributions formulas, those will need to be submitted as comments in order for them to be considered by the Commission.*

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