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## **NENA Pleased With Today's FCC Ruling on Wireless 9-1-1 FCC Recognizes the Need for Cost Recovery Language**

Columbus, Ohio (November 18, 1999)—The National Emergency Number Association (NENA) supports today's FCC ruling on Wireless E-9-1-1. In today's decision, the FCC modified and clarified the E-9-1-1 rules in order to promote the implementation of wireless Phase I and Phase II location services for wireless 9-1-1 calls. The modification removed Cost Recovery as a prerequisite condition for Wireless telephone carriers to provide Phase I and Phase II services, while retaining the requirement that state and local governments pass funding legislation to support the related costs of public safety entities.

“NENA's initial reaction to this decision is the applaud the wisdom of the FCC in keeping the cost recovery language in the rules. This will insure that PSAPs (public safety answering points) have adequate funding to serve wireless callers to 9-1-1,” said William H. Hinkle, NENA President.

NENA, in conjunction with NASNA, the CTIA, The Texas Commission on 9-1-1 and the Greater Harris County 9-1-1 District and the public safety leadership of a number of states, worked closely with the FCC in order to substantiate the value and necessity of retaining the PSAP cost recovery language.

Hinkle noted, “we share the Commission's optimism that the combined effects of the passage of S800, (the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999), and the FCC action taken today will substantially remove barriers that have impeded the deployment of E-9-1-1 services. The FCC today acknowledged that there are significant costs for PSAPs that serve wireless 9-1-1 calls. This was an important achievement for Public Safety.”

NENA has consistently challenged the Commission and other interests to expedite the deployment of wireless location services. Hinkle added, “NENA supports the FCC recognition of the critical role played by the local telephone exchange carriers (LEC's) in the implementation of wireless E-9-1-1.” NENA encourages all local exchange carriers to make the public's safety the primary focus in implementing 9-1-1 wireless services.

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