

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE**

South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch ETSB	:	
	:	Case No. 19-C-243
Application for 9-1-1	:	
Consolidation Plan	:	

**ORDER OF THE STATEWIDE 9-1-1 ADMINISTRATOR**

**I. Introduction**

On June 17, 2019, the South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch ETSB ("Applicant") filed a Consolidation Plan Application with the Department of the Illinois State Police ("Department") pursuant to the Emergency Telephone System Act ("ETSA") 50 ILCS 750/, 83 Ill. Admin. Code 1324 "Consolidation of 9-1-1 Emergency Systems" ("Part 1324"). Applicant seeks authorization to consolidate the Villages of Forest View, Hillside, Justice, Westchester and Willow Springs as required by the Emergency Telephone System Act;

The South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch ETSB supported the Plan with documentary materials, including a narrative statement explaining how the existing 9-1-1 systems are consolidating and creating a new entity.

The Consolidation Plan was filed pursuant to the Emergency Telephone System Act ("ETSA"), 50 ILCS 750, *et seq.* Under Section 750/15.4a(a)(2).

The Office of the 9-1-1 Administrator is authorized to coordinate the implementation of systems established under the ETSA. In order to secure compliance with the technical and operational standards for the development of local agency systems, the ETSA empowers the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator to approve or disapprove plans submitted by the public agencies. 83 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1324.

**II. Findings and Ordering Paragraphs**

**WHEREAS**, the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendations of Administrative Law Judge Michelle Thielen in the above-captioned case have been read and examined; and

**WHEREAS**, the record has been read and reviewed;

**WHEREAS**, the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board held a hearing on August 19, 2019 on this Request for Consolidation, at which hearing, the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board voted to recommend approval of the Request for Consolidation;

**WHEREAS**, the rulings of the Administrative Law Judge on admission of evidence and all motions are correct and hereby concurred in by the Administrator; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administrator finds that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, as stated in the Recommended Decision, are correct, they are hereby adopted as the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law by the Administrator.

**WHEREAS** as it relates to "wireline" surcharge monies the South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch ETSB and the Proviso-Leyden JETSB have entered into an IGA allowing Westchester's wireline surcharge monies to be paid to South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch ETSB and requiring the South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch ETSB to account for such monies in its audited annual financial reporting as required under Section 40 of the ETSA.

**WHEREAS** as it relates to "wireless" surcharge monies, Section 30(b)(1)(D) and 30(2)(E) of the ETSA directs the Department to make monthly grants to the appropriate 9-1-1 Authority currently taking wireless 9-1-1 based upon zip code billing of wireless subscribers. Accordingly, the IGA specified the boundary change resulting from Westchester disengaging with Proviso-Leyden and consolidating with the South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch ETSB and specified that the South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch ETSB will then be responsible to account for such monies in its audited annual financial reporting as required under Section 40 of the ETSA.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Administrator adopts the recommendations as set forth in the Recommended Decision.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that pursuant to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, as set forth in the Recommended Decision, and upon the advice and recommendation of the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board, the South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch ETSB request for approval of its consolidation plan pursuant to Section 15.4a of the Emergency Telephone System Act, 50 ILCS 750/15.4a, is approved.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that based upon a review of all of the information available, South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch ETSB's consolidation plan meets the requirements of 50 ILCS 750/15.4a and 83 Ill. Adm. Code 1324.200.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch consolidation will be completed no later than January 1, 2020 for the Villages of Forestview, Justice and Willow Springs and no later than March 1, 2020 for the Villages of Hillside and Westchester.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch ETSB's 9-1-1 System Service Provider will conduct a P.01 Study and if necessary, a Traffic Study to determine the number of 9-1-1 trunks required to serve the South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch consolidation to

include Forestview, Justice and Willow Springs and Hillside and Westchester in advance of completing the consolidation.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch PSAP's, must direct dispatch the necessary first responders and may not transfer calls for emergency service to or take the pertinent information from a caller and relay it to the Forestview, Hillside, Justice, Westchester or Willow Springs Police Departments.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch ETSB will file with the Administrator a Wireless 9-1-1 Plan to include Forestview, Hillside, Justice, Westchester and Willow Springs for all Carriers no later than December 1, 2019 with an effective date no later than January 1, 2020.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch ETSB shall begin to receive Forestview, Justice and Willow Springs surcharge payments as defined in 50 ILCS 750/30 beginning with the distribution for the January 2020 remit period.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Westchester's wireline and wireless surcharge payments currently being distributed to the Proviso-Leyden JETSB shall begin to be distributed to the South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch ETSB as defined in 50 ILCS 750/30 beginning with the distribution for the March 2020 remit period.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch ETSB is responsible for managing and accounting for these funds through the annual financial reporting and auditing process. 50 ILCS 750/40 and 50 ILCS 750/50; and must ensure an accounting procedure is in place to track revenues, expenses, assets, and reserves; and audits must be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Forestview, Hillside, Justice and Willow Springs ETSB will transfer any reserve fund balance to the South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch ETSB by January 31, 2020.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Proviso-Leyden ETSB will transfer any reserve fund balance they are holding on behalf of Westchester to the South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch ETSB by March 31, 2020.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Forestview, Hillside, Justice and Willow Springs will submit a close out AFR Report by January 31, 2020 that will include the reporting of surcharge and other Revenue received, and expenditures made from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 when the surcharge is scheduled to be transitioned to the South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch ETSB. In the event that Forestview, Hillside, Justice and Willow Springs have not submitted their close out 2019 AFR by January 31, 2020, surcharge shall be withheld until their close out AFR Reports have been filed and accepted.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the South West Cook County Consolidated Dispatch ETSB will be required to file a Progress Report on or before October 1, 2019, and every month thereafter until the consolidation is completed that details the steps that have been taken and the progress that has been made toward completing its consolidation to the Office of the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator.

This Order is a final administrative decision of the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator subject to review under the Administrative Review Law, 735 ILCS 5/3-101. In the event you wish to seek review of or appeal this Order, you are advised:

1. Every action seeking review of such final decision shall be commenced by the filing of a Complaint and the issuance of Summons in the Circuit Court within 35 days from the date a copy of the decision was served upon the parties.
2. In your action seeking review you must name in the Complaint, and issue a Summons for, each party of record to the case other than yourself.
3. Attached below is a list of all parties of record to this case, including the name and address of the agency or officer entering the Order, and the addresses of each party where the parties may be served with pleadings, notices, or service of process for any review or further proceedings.
4. You are not required to file any motion or request for reconsideration with the Department or the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator before filing your action for review in the Circuit Court. The administrative rules of the Department do not require or allow for any further proceedings before the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator.

Name of Officer who entered the final Order:

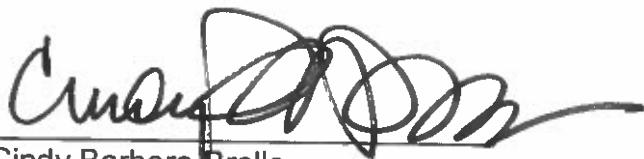
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ENTERED: This 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Barbera-Belle", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Cindy Barbera-Belle  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing document were served upon all parties listed below by electronic mail on September 4, 2019.



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