



The International Justice & Public Safety Network

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To: State Budget Personnel

From: Shawn Scriven, Nlets Director of Finance

Date: 09/19/2019

Re: Nlets User/Access Fee to Increase July 1, 2021

Nlets is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit corporation owned and operated by the fifty States, districts and territories known as the Principal membership and is administered by a Board of Directors elected from those state law enforcement agencies. Nlets is unique in that it operates an international system and network accessible by all criminal justice agencies and is the only provider of this capability in the US. The users of the network are criminal justice agencies, both state and federal and at all levels of government. Through the Nlets network, law enforcement and criminal justice agencies can access a wide range of information, from standard driver license and vehicle queries to criminal history and Interpol information. Once again there is no other entity in the United States public, private, or governmental which provides this capability.

The data and information exchange provided by Nlets will be used nearly 3 billion times in 2019. It is critical to public safety and therefore the network and system must always be up and operational. Nlets employs a small full-time staff of 35 professionals to ensure this 100% system uptime. Additionally, Nlets also pays for land-line data circuits, two network routers, and a backup wireless connection for each State & US Territory as well as all travel expenses for Nlets state/federal representatives for all training opportunities as well as travel related to performance of their Nlets management duties. Its state-of-the-art data center is located in Phoenix, Arizona with a disaster recovery center currently located in Kentucky but moving to Texas by end of 2019. Public safety officials can connect to over 130 data sources through the robust message switching system that Nlets provides.

The System User/Access fees collected by Nlets for services rendered funds all operations of the system and network and are set by the Principal membership once a year at the Nlets Annual Business Meeting (ABM). Since 2004, the monthly fee has been set at \$4,000 per month. In addition to Principal members, Nlets also provides services to Federal members, Associate members, and Strategic Partners. The supplemental revenue generated from these other membership categories has covered the increase in operational costs directly related to Principal members since 2004.

At the 2019 ABM, the Principal membership (state Nlets Representatives), after a thorough review of the facts, voted to increase monthly rates to \$7,000 starting January 1, 2021 and increasing 2% each year thereafter. The Board of Directors amended the start date of the rate increase to July 1, 2021 and have the 2% annual increase thereafter be subject to Board of Directors review and approval. The justification of this rate increase provided to the Principal membership at the ABM showed supplemental revenue sources unable to cover future operational expenses.

Should you have any questions regarding this rate increase, please do not hesitate to contact Shawn Scriven at 623-308-3543 or sscriven@nlets.org.



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Brad Little
Governor

May 21, 2020

Dear Sheriffs,

I am writing on behalf of the ILETS Board regarding ILETS direct access fees. As you may know, ILETS accesses a wide range of information through the Nlets network, from standard driver's license and vehicle queries to other states' criminal history and Interpol information. Nlets operates its international system and network as the only provider of this capability in the U.S.

The system user/access fees paid by state users for services rendered funds all operations of the system and network and are set by the Principal (state) membership once a year at the Nlets Annual Business Meeting. Since 2004, the monthly Principal member user access fee has been set at \$4,000 per month. In addition to Principal members, Nlets also provides services to Federal members, Associate members, and Strategic Partners. The supplemental revenue generated from these other membership categories has covered the increase in operational costs directly related to Principal members since 2004.

At the 2019 Annual meeting and after a thorough review of the facts, the Nlets Principal membership voted to increase monthly rates to \$7,000 per month, with possible increases 2% each year thereafter based on a Board of Directors review and approval. The effective date for this increase is July 1, 2021. The ILETS Board has determined that the current ILETS user access fees will be insufficient to cover that increase over time.

At a special meeting of the ILETS Board on May 14, 2020, the Board voted in favor of raising user access fees to cover the Nlets increase. Beginning October 2021, access fees for physical connection to the ILETS network will increase as follows:

- County and municipal agencies access fees will increase to **\$5,425** per line annually; and
- Federal, state, and tribal agencies will increase to **\$9,000** per line annually. All agencies will continue to be billed quarterly for these fees.

The ILETS fund will be able to cover the first quarter increase from Nlets (Jul 2021-Sep 2021) in order to allow ILETS users ample time to include this increase in their budgets for FY22.

If you have any questions, you can contact me via email at leila.mcneill@isp.idaho.gov or by phone at 208-884-7136.

Sincerely,

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