

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application     )     Application No. C-767  
of Great Plains Communications,     )  
Inc., Blair, Nebraska for a Certif-)     GRANTED  
icate of Convenience and Necessity )  
to construct, install, maintain and)  
operate a fiber optic cable from     )  
Imperial to Palisade.               )     Entered: April 4, 1989

OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed February 2, 1989, Great Plains Communications, Inc., Blair, Nebraska seeks a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct, install, maintain and operate fiber optic cable from Imperial to Palisade.

Notice of the filing of the application was published pursuant to the provisions of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. No protest to the application was filed.

Applicant is a Nebraska corporation engaged in the telecommunications business subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission. It serves approximately 25,000 subscribers in 51 telephone exchanges including Imperial and Palisade.

As a part of its service improvement program, applicant plans to replace the Imperial and Palisade central offices with digital switches during 1989, with the Imperial office serving as a host switch for remote switches located at Palisade and three other offices.

Applicant proposes to construct a fiber optic transmission facility from Imperial to Palisade to provide the link between the offices and to carry Imperial and Palisade toll. The proposed facility will connect with U. S. West Communications facilities at the Palisade exchange boundary approximately 7.5 miles south and east of the City of Palisade.

The route of the proposed fiber optic cable will cross the Wauneta exchange of Wauneta Telephone Company. By letter dated February 8, 1989, Wauneta Telephone Company has consented to the placement of fiber optic cable within its exchange for toll facilities only, for this specific crossing only, and with the condition that Great Plains Communications grant reciprocal rights if requested.

Toll facilities at Imperial, Nebraska are presently provided by U. S. West Communications, which by letter dated March 20, 1989 has consented to the application.

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Upon consideration of the application and attending circumstances and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the application is agreeable to all parties, is fair and reasonable, is in the public interest and should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-767 be and it is hereby granted and Great Plains Communications, Inc. be and it is hereby authorized to construct, install, maintain and operate toll telephone facilities between Imperial and Palisade, Nebraska as set forth in the Opinion and Findings herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order be and it is hereby made the Commission's Official Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Great Plains Communications, Inc. to construct the facilities proposed.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 4th day of April, 1989.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

*Daniel G. Urwiller*

Chairman

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Duane D. Gay*  
//s//Frank E. Landis, Jr.  
//s//James Munnelly  
//s//Eric Rasmussen  
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

ATTEST:

*John R. King*  
Executive Director