

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the application) Application No. C-782
of Great Plains Communications,)
Inc., Blair to revise deprecia-) GRANTED
tion rates.)
Entered: October 10, 1989

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed September 5, 1989, Great Plains Communications, Inc., Blair, Nebraska seeks authority to revise existing depreciation rates effective January 1, 1990.

Notice of the filing of the application was published pursuant to the provisions of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. No protests or petitions to intervene were filed, and thus this application may be processed administratively pursuant to the Commission's Rules. Upon consideration of the application and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

1. The Applicant is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Nebraska with its principal office located in Blair, Nebraska. Applicant is a common carrier furnishing general telecommunications services for hire in Nebraska under the jurisdiction of this Commission.

2. Applicant's books and records are kept and maintained in accordance with the accounting rules and regulations of the FCC as adopted in Chapter V, Section 002.24 of this Commission's Rules and Regulations.

3. This application is submitted in accordance with this Commission's order entered in Application No. C-664 on April 14, 1987, which requires a depreciation rate review of the applicant by the Commission on a triennial basis beginning in 1989.

4. Applicant requests approval to revise depreciation rates for Analog Electronic Switching, Pole Lines, Aerial Cable, and Trunk Cable. Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part of this order, shows existing and proposed depreciation rates. Exhibit "B", attached hereto and made a part of this order, shows existing rates and reserves balances. The net impact of the proposed depreciation rate changes will increase annual depreciation expense by \$43,812.

5. Applicant proposes to amortize the undepreciated balance in the Analog Electronic Switching account over 12 months beginning January 1, 1990. The account balance represents investment in the switch located in Bloomfield, Nebraska which will be replaced by a digital central office at the end of 1990.

6. Applicant also proposes revisions to reduce the depreciation rates for Pole Lines and Aerial Cable while increasing the rate for the Trunk Cable Account.

7. Applicant desires to implement the revised depreciation rates effective January 1, 1990.

8. Based upon the information which applicant has presented to the Commission staff and the independent analysis thereof which has been performed by the staff, the Commission finds that the proposed depreciation rates found on Exhibit "A" attached hereto are fair and reasonable, are supported by the evidence and are hereby approved.

9. The application is fair and reasonable, is in the public interest and should be granted as set forth above.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-782 is hereby granted and the applicant Great Plains Communications, Inc., Blair, Nebraska is hereby authorized to revise its depreciation rates as set forth hereinabove effective January 1, 1990.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 10th day of October, 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:

Dpt. B. King
Executive Director