BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Great Plains Communications, Inc., Blair, Nebraska, to Equalize)
Local Service Rates.

Application No. C-794

GRANTED

Entered: February 20, 1990

OPINION AND FINDINGS

BY THE COMMISSION:

By its application filed December 6, 1989, Great Plains Communications, Inc., Blair, Nebraska seeks to equalize local service rates.

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

Upon consideration of the application and being fully advised the Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

- Applicant is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nebraska with its principal place of business at Blair, Nebraska. It is engaged in the telephone business as a common carrier and operates 51 telephone exchanges in Nebraska serving approximately 25,000 access lines.
- 2. Currently, residential rates at applicant's exchanges range from \$6.75 to \$13.65 and business rates from \$10.00 to 26.35. Applicant proposes to equalize its rates at \$10.75 for residence and \$18.55 for business service. In addition, applicant proposes an extended area service additive of \$1.00 for residence and \$2.00 for business subscribers except at Chapman and Herman, where, because of a larger calling area, the proposed additives are \$1.90 for residence and \$3.80 for business.
- All charges for tone dial service will be eliminated under the plan. Rates for semipublic paystations, key lines and PABX lines, currently higher than single line business in some exchanges, will be reduced to the single line business rate. Business customers, who currently have trunk hunting charges included in their rates, will have a separate charge of \$3.00 per line for the trunk hunting feature. In addition, businesses having additional lines at a premise will receive a credit of \$3.00 for each additional line.
- The granting of this application will not result in an increase in revenue to the applicant.
- The application is fair and reasonable, is in the public interest and should be granted effective May 1, 1990.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-794 be and it is hereby granted and Great Plains Communications be and it is hereby authorized to revise and equalize its rates and charges as set forth in the Opinion and Findings herein effective May 1, 1990.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant file appropriate rate lists with the Commission.

ATTEST:

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 20th day of February, 1990.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Director

Chairman

Executive

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

//s//Frank E. Landis, Jr.

//s//James Munnelly

//s//Eric Rasmussen

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller