

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Great Plains) Application No. C-1573
Communications, Inc. of Blair,)
Nebraska, seeking to provide)
Extended Area Service between) GRANTED
the Kilgore exchange and the)
Cody exchange.) Entered: September 3, 1997

BY THE COMMISSION:

On June 26, 1997, an application was filed by Great Plains Communications (Great Plains) of Blair, Nebraska seeking to provide Extended Area Service (EAS) between the Cody and Kilgore exchanges. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, June 30, 1997. No protests were filed; therefore, we process this application pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

Great Plains is a Nebraska Corporation, headquartered in Blair, Nebraska, offering telecommunications services in 64 exchanges. The applicant serves approximately 32,300 access lines.

In July, 1996, residents of the Kilgore exchange petitioned the Commission to establish EAS to the Cody exchange (see Application No. C-1372). While the requisite number of signatures were submitted to the Commission, the results of the subsequent traffic studies that were conducted failed to meet the basic criteria set forth in the Commission Rules. Accordingly, the application was dismissed September 5, 1996.

Notwithstanding the dismissal of C-1372, Great Plains desires to establish EAS between Kilgore and Cody at no additional cost to consumers. Pursuant to Applications C-1373 and C-1384, EAS is being established between Kilgore and Valentine and between Cody and Valentine at the rate of \$5.00 per month. If this application is approved, EAS between Kilgore and Cody will be included in the said \$5.00 per month fee.

Upon consideration of the application, the Commission is of the opinion and finds the application is in the public interest and that it should be granted.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application C-1573 be, and it is hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Great Plains Communications, Inc. may establish extended area service between the Kilgore and Cody exchanges effective immediately.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that an updated tariff reflecting the change in service authorized herein, be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days from the date of this order.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 3rd day of September, 1997.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

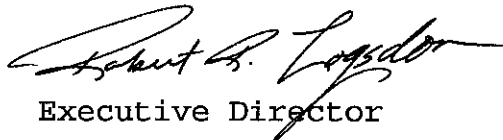


//s//Rod Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis

Chairman



ATTEST:


Executive Director