BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	Applicat:	ion No. C-1	1609	
of Great Plains Communications,)				
Inc. of Blair, Nebraska, seeking)	GRANTED			
authority to revise the exchange)				
area boundary of its Grant)				
exchange.)	Entered:	September	15,	1997

BY THE COMMISSION:

Great Plains Communications, Inc. (Great Plains) of Blair, Nebraska, filed an application to revise the boundary between its Grant exchange and Consolidated Telco, Inc.'s (Consolidated) Madrid exchange. The applicant requests the boundary change so that Bruce Peaster can receive service from applicant's Grant exchange. Notice of the application was published in the <u>The Daily Record</u> on August 13, 1997, pursuant to the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

Great Plains and Consolidated are local exchange carriers operating in Nebraska and are subject to the Commission's general regulation of common carriers. This application is governed specifically by Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 75-604 to 75-616 (1994 Reissue). These statutes establish that if the telephone company or companies affected by the proposed boundary exchange do not object to the application, the application may be processed by modified procedure. In this case, no protests were received; therefore, the Commission will proceed pursuant to its Rule of Modified Procedure.

The applicant is a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Nebraska with its principal office located at Blair, Washington County, Nebraska. It is engaged in a general communication business and operates telephone exchanges throughout the state of Nebraska.

The applicant has been requested by Bruce Peaster to provide telephone service from applicant's Grant exchange to Mr. Peaster's residence located in Section 31, Township 10 North, Range 37 West of the 6th P.M., Perkins County, Nebraska. In order for applicant to furnish such service, it is necessary to revise the exchange area boundary between applicant's Grant exchange and Consolidated's Madrid exchange.

The revision of the boundary will not create a duplication of facilities and will not impair the capability of the telephone companies affected to serve the remaining subscribers in any affected exchanges.

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Attached to the application as Exhibit A is a map of that portion of the boundary lying between applicant's Grant exchange and Consolidated's Madrid exchange showing the proposed boundary line.

Attached to the application as Exhibit B is a letter from Consolidated wherein said company consents to the change of the exchange boundary and its willingness to relinquish said area to permit the applicant to furnish telephone service to Bruce Peaster.

Upon consideration of the application and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds the request is reasonable, in the public interest and should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1609 be, and it is hereby, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Great Plains Communications, Inc. and Consolidated Telco, Inc. remit revised boundary maps to the Commission within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order in accordance with Exhibit A filed herein.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 15th day of September, 1997.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

//s//Rod Johnson

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

Executive Director