

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2113
of Great Plains Communications,)
Inc. of Blair, Nebraska, seeking)
authority to remove the "free) GRANTED
line" between the communities of)
Huntley-Ragan and Wilcox,)
Nebraska.) Entered: December 7, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On September 8, 1999, the Commission opened this docket to determine whether Great Plains Communications, Inc. should be allowed to remove the "free line" that exists between the communities of Huntley-Ragan, Nebraska and Wilcox, Nebraska. That line, which allowed for toll-free calling between the two communities, was in place when Great Plains purchased the Continental of Nebraska (Continental) telephone exchanges in 1985. According to Great Plains, that "free line" was never included in a tariff filed by Continental.

As supported by affidavit filed herein by Great Plains, the Commission is of the opinion that this matter is governed by Commission Rule 003.11B2 and that Neb. Rev. Stat. §86-806 is not applicable to this docket. The Commission also notes and takes into consideration its statement in the order opening this docket, which stated:

"It should be noted for the record that Great Plains indicated to its customers, in a letter explaining the EAS balloting, that the failure of the EAS vote would result in Great Plains working with the Public Service Commission to remove the "free line" that existed between the two communities. A letter sent by Great Plains to its subscribers following the failed EAS vote also indicated that the company would make application to have the "free line" removed. The latter letter included the Commission's address and phone number to allow its subscribers to file comment with the Commission."

The Commission has again reviewed the notices sent to Great Plains' customers as attached to the affidavit filed herein and finds that no further notice or hearing is required herein. The Commission finds that approval of the removal of the "free line" is appropriate and should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Great Plains Communications, Inc. should be allowed to remove the "free line" that exists between the communities of Huntley-Ragan, Nebraska and Wilcox, Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, this 7th day of December, 1999.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


Chairman

ATTEST:

//s//Lowell C. Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller


Executive Director