BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of the residents of the Center exchange, requesting extended area service (EAS) to the Creighton exchange, both served by Great Plains Communications.

) Application No. C-2157) DISMISSED AT PETITIONER'S) REQUEST) Entered: April 5, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On October 28, 1999, the Commission received a petition from the residents of Center, Nebraska, requesting extended area service (EAS) to Creighton, Nebraska. On November 15, 1999, the Commission verified that the petition contained a sufficient number of signatures. As required by Rule 002.27B2c of the Commission's Telecommunications Rules and Regulations, Title 291, Chapter 5, a point-to-point usage study was commenced to determine if a community of interest exists. On December 21, 1999, the Commission verified that the point-to-point usage study indicates a community of interest does exist.

By letter dated March 21, 2000, the residents of Center request that their application be dismissed. The creation of a local area calling plan by Great Plains Communications offers Center residents greater benefits and more alternatives than are available in the present application. Thus, they request its dismissal. The Commission is of the opinion their request should be honored and the application should be dismissed.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2157 be, and it is hereby, dismissed.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this day of 5th day of April, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CONCURRING:

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Vice Chairman

Chairman

ATTEST:

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Executive Director