

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint)	Application No. C-2689
Application of Great Plains)	
Communications, Inc. of Blair,)	
Nebraska; Qwest Corporation of)	
Omaha, Nebraska; and Great)	
Plains Communications Long)	
Distance of Blair, Nebraska,)	
seeking approval of)	GRANTED
discontinuance of intraLATA)	
interexchange service by Qwest)	
Corporation to the Great Plains)	
Communications, Inc. exchanges)	
and the designation of Great)	
Plains Communications Long)	
Distance, Inc. as intraLATA)	
carrier of last resort for the)	
Great Plains Communications)	Entered: April 9, 2002
exchanges.)	

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 27, 2002, a joint application was filed by Great Plains Communications, Inc. of Blair, Nebraska; Qwest Corporation of Omaha, Nebraska; and Great Plains Communications Long Distance of Blair, Nebraska, seeking approval of discontinuance of intraLATA interexchange service by Qwest Corporation to the Great Plains Communications, Inc. exchanges and the designation of Great Plains Communications Long Distance, Inc. as intraLATA carrier of last resort for the Great Plains Communications exchanges. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on February 28, 2002. No protests were filed; therefore this application is processed 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 Communications is the local exchange carrier serving the Great Plains exchanges. Qwest is the authorized intraLATA long distance carrier that is currently providing 1+ intraLATA interexchange service to customers in the Great Plains Communications exchanges. Great Plains Communications Long Distance, Inc. is a long distance carrier certified by this Commission and desires to provide 1+ intraLATA interexchange service to Nebraska customers in the Great Plains Communications exchanges.

In the fall and winter of 1998, Great Plains Communications exchange customers were notified by mail that if they did not select a specific long distance carrier from the list of available carriers presented to them, Qwest would provide their intraLATA long distance service. Qwest did not appear as an available carrier on the list sent to customers.

Great Plains Communications and Qwest agree upon Commission approval of this application, that Qwest will discontinue long distance service to Great Plains Communications exchanges. In addition, Great Plains Communications agrees that Great Plains Communications Long Distance will provide 1+ intraLATA interexchange service to customers in the Great Plains Communications exchanges who have not selected a specific intraLATA carrier.

No service charge will be incurred in changing intraLATA interexchange service from Qwest to Great Plains Communications Long Distance, Inc. for customers in the Great Plains Communications exchanges who did not select a specific carrier. Consequently, no reimbursement is due to any customer or telecommunications company for the change in service.

Great Plains Communications Long Distance, Inc. is technically and financially capable of providing intraLATA interexchange service as the carrier of last resort to the customers in the Great Plains Communications exchanges.

Upon consideration of the application and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds the application should be granted.

O R D E R

It IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2689 be, and is hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Qwest Corporation discontinue intraLATA interexchange service to the Great Plains Communications exchanges.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Great Plains Long Distance Inc. be designated as the intraLATA interexchange carrier of last resort to the customers of the Great Plains Communications exchanges.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 9th day of April, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director