

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,     ) Application No. C-3049  
on its own motion, to conduct an     )  
investigation into possible            ) ORDER MODIFYING CONFIDENTIAL  
solutions for extending the life     ) WAIVER SCHEDULE AND GRANTING  
of area codes 308 and 402.            ) EXTENSION  
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  ) Entered: September 11, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

On November 13, 2003, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened Application No. C-3049 to conduct an investigation into possible solutions for extending the life of area codes 308 and 402. In an order released on June 27, 2006, the Commission implemented mandatory pooling for all the rate centers in the 402 area code, with a deadline of November 1, 2006, to begin pooling. In the same order the Commission granted waivers for certain rate centers owned by Great Plains Communications, Inc. (Great Plains). Nineteen Great Plains exchanges completed switch replacements by November 1, 2006, 14 Great Plains rate centers were not scheduled for switch replacement before the deadline. Therefore, Great Plains requested and was granted a waiver of the November 1, 2006, deadline for the remaining fourteen (14) rates centers. However, Great Plains was required under the order to implement thousands-block pooling concurrently with scheduled switch replacements in those rate centers. Great Plains filed a switch replacement schedule as confidential information under the protective order. Under the approved schedule, Great Plains is to have thousands-block number pooling implemented in all its exchanges in the 402 area code by March 31, 2008.

On August 14, 2006, Great Plains requested certain modifications to the schedule for switch replacement contained in the confidential attachment in four (4) of its rate centers. On August 29, 2006, the Commission granted Great Plains' request and adopted the modified schedule, however, the March 31, 2008, deadline for Great Plains to fully implement number pooling remained unchanged.

On August 30, 2007, Great Plains submitted a request for an extension of the March 31, 2008, deadline for four (4) of the remaining fourteen (14) exchanges. Ten (10) of the fourteen (14) exchanges that were granted extensions under the June 27, 2006, order will have number pooling implemented by the March 31, 2008, deadline. However, Great Plains indicated that

unforeseen events have delayed the number pooling upgrades scheduled for the remaining four (4) exchanges and therefore, requests an extension to complete the implementation of number pooling in the four (4) exchanges contained on the confidential attachment to September 30, 2008. Great Plains further requests that the confidential schedule for switch replacements submitted with the August 30, 2007, extension request be adopted by the Commission.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the schedule filed confidentially by Great Plains on August 30, 2007, be, and is hereby approved and Great Plains shall act in accordance therewith.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 11th day of September, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Director