

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Formal)	Application No. FC-1346
Complaint of Great Plains)	
Communications, Inc. and Great)	
Plains Broadband, Inc., Blair,)	
v. Sprint Communications)	ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL
Company, L.P., Overland Park,)	SCHEDULE AND NOTICE OF
Kansas, alleging failure to pay)	HEARING
for intrastate switched access)	
services.)	
)	
In the Matter of the Formal)	Application No. FC-1347
Complaint of Sprint)	
Communications Company, L.P.,)	
Overland Park, Kansas, v. Great)	
Plains Communications, Inc. and)	
Great Plains Broadband, Inc.,)	
Blair, alleging unfair and)	
unreasonable intrastate switched)	
access rates and inefficient)	
network architecture.)	
)	Entered: November 18, 2010

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On September 17, 2010, a Formal Complaint was filed with the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") by Great Plains Communications, Inc. and Great Plains Broadband, Inc., (collectively "Great Plains") of Blair, Nebraska, against Sprint Communications Company, L.P., ("Sprint") located in Overland Park, Kansas. An Answer was timely filed by Sprint. That Formal Complaint was docketed by the Commission as Application No. FC-1346.

On November 8, 2010, Sprint filed a Formal Complaint against Great Plains with the Commission. The Commission docketed the Sprint Formal Complaint as Application No. FC-1347. An Answer was timely filed by Great Plains.

On November 8, 2010, Sprint filed a Motion to Consolidate the above-captioned proceedings pursuant to Commission Rules of Procedure. The motion was granted by the Hearing Officer in an order issued on November 10, 2010.

Planning Conference

A planning conference was held in the above-captioned docket on November 16, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Niobrara Conference Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln; Nebraska, and via telephone conference with

representatives of the Parties. The following persons were present at the conference: for Sprint, Loel P. Brooks of Brooks, Pansing Brooks, PC, LLO; for Great Plains, Paul M. Schudel of Woods & Aitken LLP; and for the Commission, Nichole Mulcahy, Legal Counsel for the Commission and Commissioner Frank E. Landis. Participating via telephone, for Sprint, Diane C. Browning and William Bret Lawson; and for Great Plains, Thomas J. Moorman.

As a result of the planning conference, several issues were decided. Therefore, this order serves to memorialize those decisions and to provide a timeline for proceeding in this docket.

Deadlines

Deadlines for various events were established and are set forth in Appendix A.

Service

An official service list for this matter is attached hereto as Appendix B. Service may be accomplished through electronic mail using the addresses listed in Appendix B. Parties are responsible for maintaining an accurate service list. All parties may provide an electronic copy of any discovery requests and responses via electronic mail to the Commission; however, they need not be filed with the Commission.

Parties may meet filing deadlines outlined herein in Appendix A by sending an electronic copy of the filing via electronic mail to the Commission so long as all parties are served via electronic mail contemporaneously with the email filing and a hard copy is received by the Commission within three (3) days of the email filing.

Settlement

Parties are encouraged to engage in negotiations; however, the conduct of negotiations does not relieve the parties of their obligation to meet filing deadlines.

Hearing

A Hearing in Application Nos. FC-1336 and FC-1347 will be held on Tuesday, **April 5, 2011**, at 1:00 p.m. CDT in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, continuing to Wednesday, **April 6, 2011**, at 9:00 a.m. CDT in the Commission Hearing Room, as necessary.

Hearing Fee and Accommodations

The Parties have agreed to arrange for a court reporter for the hearing on this matter. Therefore, the hearing fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for each half-day should be waived consistent with Commission policy.

If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at the meeting, please call the Commission at (402) 471-3101. For people with hearing/speech impairments, please call the Commission at (402) 471-0213 (TDD) or the Nebraska Relay System at (800) 833-7352 (TDD) or (800) 833-0920 (Voice). Advance notice of at least seven days is needed when requesting an interpreter.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the deadlines and requirements established in this order and attached hereto are hereby adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing in Application No. FC-1346 and FC-1347 will be held on Tuesday, **April 5, 2011**, at 1:00 p.m. CDT in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, continuing to Wednesday, **April 6, 2011**, at 9:00 a.m. CDT in the Commission Hearing Room, as necessary.

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, on this 18th day of November, 2010.

BY:

Frank E. Landis
HEARING OFFICER

APPENDIX A

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Thursday	December 2	Initial Discovery Requests filed
Wednesday	December 8	Objections/Motions to Compel Initial Discovery Requests filed
Thursday or Friday	December 9 or 10	Oral Arguments on Objections/Motions to Compel Discovery (if necessary)
Wednesday	January 5, 2011	Responses to Initial Discovery Requests filed
Friday	January 21	Direct Testimony Filed
Thursday	January 27	2 nd Round Discovery Requests filed
Wednesday	February 2	Objections/Motions to Compel 2 nd Round Discovery Requests filed
Monday or Tuesday	February 7 or 8	Oral Arguments on Objections/Motions to Compel 2 nd Round Discovery (if necessary)
Tuesday	February 22	Responses to 2 nd Round Discovery Requests filed
Tuesday	March 15	Rebuttal Testimony Filed
Thursday	March 24	Deadline to file Pre-hearing Motions/Written Objections
Tuesday	March 29	Pre-hearing Conference/Oral Argument on Motions and Objections (if necessary)
Tuesday	April 5	Hearing (beginning at 1:00 p.m.)
Wednesday	April 6	Hearing (if necessary)
Friday	May 6	Post-hearing Briefs Filed*
Monday	May 23	Post-hearing Reply Briefs Filed

* Parties may submit Proposed Orders with the Post-hearing Briefs.

Appendix B

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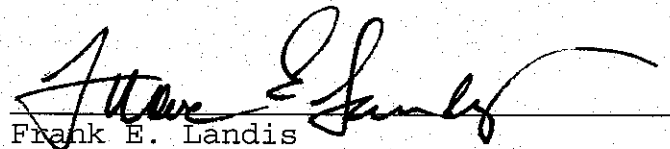
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