BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Formal Complaint of Great Plains Communications, Inc. and Great Plains Broadband, Inc., Blair, v. Sprint Communications Company, L.P., Overland Park, Kansas, alleging failure to pay for intrastate switched access services.	)	Application No. FC-1346
In the Matter of the Formal 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.	)	Application No. FC-1347
	)	ORDER SCHEDULING ORAL ARGUMENTS
In the Matter of the Formal Complaint of AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc., Denver, Colorado, v. Arapahoe Telephone Company, Blair; Benkelman Telephone Company, Inc., Benkelman; Cambridge Telephone Company, Cambridge; Cozad Telephone Company, Cozad; Diller Telephone Company, Diller; Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company, Blair; Great Plains Communications, Inc., Blair; Hartington Telecommunications Company, Inc., Hartington; Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc., Benkelman; Henderson Cooperative Telephone Company, Henderson; Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company, Hershey; Hooper Telephone Company, Hooper; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company, Jackson; Rock County Telephone Company, Blair; Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc., Falls City; Three River Telco, Lynch; and Wauneta Telephone Company,	)	Application No. FC-1348

Benkelman; alleging unfair and unreasonable intrastate switched access rates and inefficient network architecture.

In the Matter of the Formal Complaint of Sprint Communications Company LP, Overland Park, Kansas, v. Arapahoe Telephone Company, Blair; Benkelman Telephone Company, Inc., Benkelman; Cambridge Telephone Company, Cambridge; Cozad Telephone Company, Cozad; Diller Telephone Company, Diller; Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc., Benkelman; Henderson Cooperative Telephone Company, Henderson; Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company, Hershey; Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc., Falls City and Wauneta Telephone Company, Benkelman; alleging unfair and unreasonable intrastate switched access rates and inefficient network architecture.	)	Application No. FC-1349 Entered: December 21, 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") against Sprint Communications Company, L.P.,("Sprint"). 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 Application Nos. FC-1346 and FC-1347 pursuant to Commission Rules of Procedure. The motion was granted by the Hearing Officer in an order issued on November 10, 2010.

On November 17, 2010, a Formal Complaint was filed with the Commission by AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc.(“AT&T”), against Arapahoe Telephone Company; Benkelman Telephone Company, Inc.; Cambridge Telephone Company; Cozad Telephone Company; Diller Telephone Company; Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company; Great Plains Communications, Inc.; Hartington Telecommunications Company, Inc.; Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc.; Henderson Cooperative Telephone Company; Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company; Hooper Telephone Company; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company; Rock County Telephone Company; Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc.; Three River Telco; and Wauneta Telephone Company. The Commission docketed the AT&T Formal Complaint as Application No. FC-1348. Hearing Officer orders entered in the docket have extended the response deadlines for the Respondents.

On December 14, 2010, Sprint filed a Formal Complaint against Arapahoe Telephone Company; Benkelman Telephone Company, Inc.; Cambridge Telephone Company; Cozad Telephone Company; Diller Telephone Company; Hartman Telephone Exchanges, Inc.; Henderson Cooperative Telephone Company; Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company; Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc.; and Wauneta Telephone Company. The Commission docketed the December 14, 2010, Sprint Formal Complaint as Application No. FC-1349. Respondents have until January 4, 2011 to file Answers.

On November 22, 2010, Sprint filed a Petition for Formal Intervention in Application No. FC-1348. On November 30, 2010, the Respondents represented by Mr. Paul Schudel[1] (“Schudel Respondents”) in Application FC-1348, filed an Objection to Sprint’s Petition for Formal Intervention and requested oral arguments on the issue.

On December 13, 2010, AT&T filed a Motion to Consolidate and Proposed Case Management Plan, seeking to consolidate AT&T’s Complaint, Application No. FC-1348 with Application Nos. FC-1346 and FC-1347.

On December 14, 2010, Sprint filed a Motion to Consolidate its Complaint, Application No. FC-1349 with Application Nos. FC-1346, FC-1347, and FC-1348. In its Motion Sprint stated that it agreed with the case management plan proposed by AT&T in its December 13, 2010, Motion.

[1] Respondents represented by Mr. Schudel include: Cambridge Telephone Company, Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company, Great Plains Communications, Inc., Hartington Telecommunications Company, Inc., Hooper Telephone Company, Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company, Rock County Telephone Company, Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc., and Three River Telco.

On December 17, 2010, MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services ("Verizon") filed a Petition for Formal Intervention in Application No. FC-1348.

Also on December 17, 2010, the Schudel Respondents filed a Motion to Sever in Application No. FC-1348 and requested oral arguments on the Motion.

The Hearing Officer finds that oral arguments on any outstanding, contested Motions and Petitions in Application Nos. FC-1346, FC-1347, FC-1348, and/or FC-1349 shall be scheduled for **Thursday, January 6, 2011, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room at 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that oral arguments on any outstanding, contested Motions and Petitions in Application Nos. FC-1346, FC-1347, FC-1348, and/or FC-1349, as detailed above, shall be scheduled for **Thursday, January 6, 2011, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room at 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 21st day of December, 2010.

BY:

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Frank E. Landis
HEARING OFFICER