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 GRANTING EXTENSION AND Company, L.P., Overland Park, ISSUING AMENDED PROCEDURAL Kansas, alleging failure to pay SCHEDULE 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

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

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Entered: January 3, 2011

On November 18, 2010, the Hearing Officer entered an order setting a procedural schedule for the above-captioned docket based upon the agreement of the parties at a planning conference held on November 16, 2010. According to the established procedural schedule, responses to initial discovery requests of the parties are due January 5, 2011.

On December 30, 2010, Sprint filed a Motion to Extend Discovery Deadline, requesting that the January 5, 2011 deadline to file responses to initial discovery requests be extended to January 14, 2011. Sprint did not seek a change in any of the

other deadlines contained in the November 18, 2010, procedural schedule.

On January 3, 2011, Great Plains filed a Response to Sprint's Motion to Expand Discovery Deadline. Great Plains did not object to the extension to file responses to initial discovery requests, but further requested adjustments to the remaining dates contained in the schedule.

Upon review of the matter, I am of the opinion and find that the procedural schedule in the above-captioned matter should be modified. The modified procedural schedule is set forth in Appendix A, attached hereto, and incorporated by reference.

Hearing

A Hearing in Application Nos. FC-1346 and FC-1347 will be held on Tuesday, **April 12, 2011**, at 1:00 p.m. CDT in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, continuing to Wednesday, **April 13, 2011**, at 9:00 a.m. CDT in the Commission Hearing Room, as necessary.

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.

ORDER

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 Nos. FC-1346 and FC-1347 will be held on Tuesday, **April 12, 2011**, at 1:00 p.m. CDT in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, continuing to Wednesday, **April 13, 2011**, at 9:00 a.m. CDT in the Commission Hearing Room, as necessary.

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, on this $3^{\rm rd}$ day of January, 2011.

BY:

Frank E. Landis HEARING OFFICER

APPENDIX A

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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Friday	January 14, 2011	Responses to Initial Discovery Requests filed
Wednesday	February 2	Direct Testimony Filed
Wednesday	February 9	2 nd Round Discovery Requests filed
Thursday	February 17	Objections/Motions to Compel 2 nd Round Discovery Requests filed
Tuesday or Wednesday	February 22 or 23	Oral Arguments on Objections/Motions to Compel $2^{\rm nd}$ Round Discovery (if necessary)
Friday	March 11	Responses to $2^{\rm nd}$ Round Discovery Requests filed
Friday	March 25	Rebuttal Testimony Filed
Tuesday	March 29	Deadline to file Pre-hearing Motions/Written Objections
Tuesday	April 5	Pre-hearing Conference/Oral Argument on Motions and Objections (if necessary)
Tuesday	April 12	Hearing (beginning at 1:00 p.m.)
Wednesday	April 13	Hearing (if necessary)
Friday	May 13	Post-hearing Briefs Filed*
Friday	June 3	Post-hearing Reply Briefs Filed

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