

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In The Matter of the Petition of) Application No. C-2872
Great Plains Communications, Inc.,)
for arbitration to Resolve Issues)
Relating to an Interconnection) ORDER APPROVING
Agreement with WWC License, L.L.C.) PROTECTIVE AGREEMENT
)
) Entered: March 25, 2003

BY THE COMMISSION:

This matter comes before this Commission upon the Petition of Great Plains Communications, Inc. (Great Plains) for arbitration to resolve issues relating to an interconnection agreement with WWC License L.L.C. (Western Wireless), which was filed on January 23, 2003. Dr. Marlon Griffing has been designated to hear the matter and the parties have agreed to a procedural schedule for the arbitration.

Great Plains and Western Wireless have jointly requested that the Commission issue an order governing the use and disclosure of certain information. The parties stated that they anticipate that during the course of the arbitration proceeding, they may request each other to share or produce certain confidential information. In order to allow the parties to disclose such confidential information, while preventing its unwarranted disclosure, they have agreed to a protective agreement which is attached to this order.

O P I N I O N S A N D F I N D I N G S

Although this Commission may withhold trade secret information from the public pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 84-712.05, we do not have written rules and regulations for the handling of trade secret information as defined by Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 84-502. Rather, we review requests for protective agreements and orders on a case-by-case basis to ensure that we do not unduly restrict the accessibility of information.

Upon review of the request for the issuance of a protective order, and the protective agreement proposed by the parties, the Commission finds these terms to be reasonable with regard to the production and treatment of confidential trade secret information submitted by the parties in this arbitration.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the attached protective agreement is approved and the provisions thereof are adopted as set forth above.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 25th day of March 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director