

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) Application No. C-1761
Great Plains Communications, Inc. of)
Blair, Nebraska, seeking a waiver of)
filing the plan for and implement-) GRANTED
ation deadlines of intraLATA dialing)
parity.) Entered: April 7, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 24, 1998, an application was filed by Great Plains Communications, Inc. (Great Plains) of Blair, Nebraska, requesting a waiver of deadlines for filing a plan for and implementation of intraLATA dialing parity. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, February 25, 1998. No protests were filed; therefore, we process this application pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

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

Great Plains is a local exchange carrier providing telecommunications services to approximately 33,000 access lines across Nebraska.

This Commission, in Application C-1128, ordered all local exchange carriers to submit plans regarding the implementation of intraLATA dialing parity on or before July 1, 1998, and to implement intraLATA dialing parity by December 31, 1998.

Great Plains requests permission to file its plan no later than October 1, 1998, and to implement intraLATA dialing parity by June 1, 1999.

Great Plains states it is in the process of changing and converting its billing and customer service order procedures. These changes include, but are not limited to, training and reassigning employees, converting existing records and subscriber information and implementing new customer procedures. Great Plains expects these changes will be implemented over the next twelve months and will require a substantial amount of resources.

Great Plains states it would be unduly burdensome to simultaneously develop a plan for and implement intraLATA dialing parity with the conversion of the billing and customer service order processes and could negatively impact Great Plains' subscribers.

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Great Plains currently offers customers the ability to reach the intraLATA provider of their choice by dialing special access codes. Therefore, Great Plains states delaying the implementation of intraLATA dialing parity will not negatively impact consumers.

Upon consideration of the application, the Commission is of the opinion and finds the application to be reasonable and in the public interest. The application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application C-1761 be, and it is hereby, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Great Plains Communications, Inc. shall file by October 1, 1998, its plan regarding the implementation of intraLATA dialing parity and shall by June 1, 1999, implement intraLATA dialing parity throughout its territory.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 7th day of April, 1998.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

ATTEST:

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