

Narrative:

The household counts in this table were obtained using three different information sources:

1. GPC's customer information and billing database
2. GPC's CAD system
3. Visual site verification by GPC's district managers

Project	Underserved Households	Unserved Households	Total Households
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TOTALS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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At this time, GPC has a 60% take rate in the areas where a "5/1" broadband service is offered. That same percentage is used to identify the estimated number of customers projected to sign up for the "5/1" service offered by each project.

Project	Underserved Households	Unserved Households	Potential Subscribers	Estimated Subscribers
#1 - [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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Total	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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Summary totals from the proposed ten project budgets, along with a depreciation schedule, are provided below:

Project	Network Equipment	Fiber Optics	Customer Premise Equipment	Total Capital Budget	GPC Match (25%)	Annual Depreciation (5 Year Life)
#1 - [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: WC Docket 10-90, In the Matter of Connect America Fund

Expression of Interest Submitted by Great Plains Communications, Inc. for a
Broadband Experiment in Rural Cherry and Sheridan Counties in Northwest Nebraska and
Shannon County in South Dakota

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As requested in the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") Orders and Notices released January 31, 2014, Great Plains Communications, Inc. ("Great Plains")¹ submits this Expression of Interest to receive Connect America Fund ("CAF") Phase II funding for a rural broadband experiment in rural areas of Great Plains' Gordon and Rushville exchanges in Cherry and Sheridan counties in northwest Nebraska and a portion of South Dakota on the Pine Ridge Reservation in Shannon County.

Despite being a rate-of-return-regulated local exchange carrier with a single study area for determining universal service support and serving a vast area, Great Plains receives no federal High Cost Loop Support and has no expectation of that changing under existing rules and regulations. Great Plains proposes undertaking this broadband experiment in rural areas of these remote counties as the areas would be too expensive to serve with either terrestrial-based, next generation Internet Protocol ("IP") networks, or even less than comparable wireless-based systems, without assistance from a program such as this. Further, this proposed experiment will be a unique opportunity for the Commission to observe and measure the direct and indirect impacts of deployment of IP-based services on the economy and quality of life of an extremely isolated part of the nation, including tribal lands, that has no such services today. While Great Plains is limiting this expression of interest to the Gordon and Rushville exchanges, it operates in numerous other remote areas that would be appropriate for additional experiments.

¹Great Plains provides voice, broadband, cable television and other retail and wholesale services to residential and business customers across Nebraska. Great Plains' service territory covers more than 14,000 square miles and 63 exchanges, and its company-wide customer density is fewer than 2 subscribers per square mile.



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A. Scope of Project

An incumbent local exchange carrier, broadband service provider through its Netlink subsidiary, and Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) for purposes of receiving federal universal service funding, Great Plains proposes to deploy broadband and other IP-based services to rural customers in the two counties plus a portion of adjacent tribal land in adjacent South Dakota. (Attachment A is a map of the areas to be served in this experiment.) The Gordon exchange in Cherry and Sheridan counties and Shannon County in South Dakota comprises 1,839 square miles, and the Rushville exchange in Sheridan County comprises 1,033 square miles. A total of 1,060 rural customer locations would receive new broadband and other IP-based services via this experiment as follows:

- Rural Gordon exchange, Nebraska 635
- Rural Gordon exchange, South Dakota 164
- Rural Rushville exchange, Nebraska 261

These customer locations are widely dispersed across these counties in very rural areas, some of the most rural in the nation. Customer density in the rural areas of the proposed experiment is less than 0.5 locations per square mile. Census block groups included in the experiment are in Attachment B.

Many of these customers are involved in ranching or other forms of agriculture for a living, and it is anticipated that the availability of broadband and related IP services will be of significant benefit to the livelihoods of these customers. Great Plains proposes that if the experiment is approved, the company would perform surveys of the affected customers to measure and report the economic, educational, and social impacts of these services on the customers. Great Plains believes this experiment would serve as a true “test tube” for deploying IP technology in an entirely unserved, very remote area with a small population that will enable compilation of meaningful, track-able results. Current Great Plains customer locations in the cities of Gordon and Rushville will also experience significant broadband upgrades due to the investments to be made with this experiment. Location counts in those cities are approximately 1,200 in Gordon and 800 in Rushville.

B. Description of Technology

Great Plains proposes to expand the company’s Digital Subscriber Loop (“DSL”) service availability to these rural customers in the Gordon and Rushville exchanges utilizing fiber-to-the-node (“FTTN”) architecture. Customers located in and near the communities of Gordon and Rushville, both situated in the northern Sheridan County, receive DSL services today, and would be upgraded to VDSL with this project. However, because of the expansiveness of the remainder of those exchanges, it has not been feasible for broadband services to be extended to most of the rural customers. The experiment would efficiently utilize existing facilities in the Great Plains network, and augment them with new fiber distribution plant and digital nodes in rural locations.

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The rural Cherry and Sheridan experiment would entail extension of fiber transport facilities from Great Plains' existing fiber backbone in the northern portion of the counties (near and along U.S. Highway 20) north and south deep into the rural areas. In all, 219 miles of additional fiber optic cable distribution plant would be constructed, 139.52 miles in the Gordon exchange and 79.48 miles in the Rushville exchange. Those new fiber facilities would be fed from the Gordon and Rushville central offices, which would also be equipped with new electronic equipment to service the new broadband locations. The fiber would then be interconnected with 37 new nodes equipped with digital loop carrier equipment, 24 in the Gordon exchange and 13 in the Rushville exchange. These nodes would be located as near as possible to clusters of customer locations to maximize efficiency yet ensure network performance at the minimum speeds required.

Given the remoteness of customer locations in the experiment service area, Great Plains strongly believes that a FTTN design is the most appropriate solution from a cost vs. benefit analysis. Great Plains owns and operates 837 route miles of fiber and copper facilities in the Gordon exchange and 327 route miles in Rushville. Given such extensive facilities that would need to be replaced or bypassed with use of other technologies, Great Plains chooses to opt for FTTN in this experiment.

The company has empirical support for this network design decision based on an extensive study performed following the Commission's release of the National Broadband Plan in 2009. Great Plains and its engineering consultant performed a comparative analysis of functionalities, performance and costs of various Internet access platforms in the Gordon exchange and found that a FTTN design was significantly less expensive than wireless or fiber-to-the-home ("FTTH") designs, and would bring excellent broadband services to all of the very remote locations. The study and conclusions reached were filed by a rural telecommunications trade association with Great Plains' consent and support.² The study also found that the performance of a FTTN system was significantly more robust and scalable than the 4G wireless system that was designed for this study. While the performance of a FTTH system predictably was better than FTTN, the extraordinary cost of deploying FTTH in such a rural area was deemed to be unrealistic and unaffordable given limitations on universal service funding.

The conclusions presented in this study remain valid today. Great Plains has been highly selective in deploying FTTH in the rural portions of its service areas to date, as available federal and state universal service support has generally not justified doing so. The conclusions presented in this analysis for the Gordon exchange would be applicable to this entire experiment

² See Attachment C, "FTTH vs. FTTN vs. 4G in Rural America: A Cost vs. Performance Analysis. Providing Broadband to the High-Cost Rural Portion of the Gordon, NE, Exchange." *In the Matter of a National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, GN Docket 09-51; *In the Matter of the High-Cost Universal Service Support and Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, WC Docket 05-337 and CC Docket 96-45; *In the Matter of Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92; and *IP-Enabled Services*, WC Docket 04-36. Filed Sept. 2, 2009 by the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association.

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as the terrain, geography and customer densities throughout Cherry, Sheridan and Shannon counties are comparable.

C. Description of Service Offerings

The retail broadband and other IP-enabled services that would be available via this experiment will be offered through Netlink, Inc., a wholly owned Great Plains subsidiary. Netlink has been in operation since 2001 and offers Internet-based services to thousands of other rural Nebraska residential and business customers in Great Plains' regulated footprint as well as in other communities of the state where the company has digital voice and video offerings.

The DSL services offered with this experiment will be a minimum 5/1 mbps service in all remote locations and a 10/1 mbps service in rural locations closer to the nodes, and offered consistent with existing Great Plains bundled and a la carte pricing. Great Plains will continue to offer voice services to all customer locations included in this trial, as required by state and federal regulation. Current a la carte monthly pricing is below (with monthly service pricing per bundle typically \$10-\$15 lower than the a la carte pricing):

<u>Residential a la carte</u>		<u>Business a la carte</u>	
5/1 mbps	\$47.95	5/1 mbps	\$50.95
10/1 mbps	\$57.95	10/1 mbps	\$60.95

Great Plains does not charge for a standard wired DSL modem. A customer requesting a leased modem with wireless connectivity capabilities can lease one for \$2.99 a month. While Great Plains has a standard nonrecurring installation fee of \$65 for these services, once this experiment is implemented Great Plains would conduct a special introductory offer and waive the installation fee and explore promotions such as "first month free." Due to these upgrades in the central offices, Great Plains would also introduce new higher-speed tiers for existing customers and locations passed in the cities of Gordon and Rushville and nearby.

D. Governmental/Tribal Involvement and Impacts

The customer locations that would be newly served with broadband and IP-enabled infrastructure are located in unincorporated areas of Cherry and Sheridan counties, as well as on Pine Ridge Native American tribal land in adjacent Shannon County in South Dakota that includes the small tribal community of Batesland. Great Plains commits to cooperate with and include the Oglala Sioux Tribe in the deployment of this experiment and the evaluation of its results. Great Plains will report on progress should the Commission direct the company to proceed with the experiment. Today, Great Plains provides voice service to 64 customers on tribal land in and near Batesland.

The incorporated communities from which these rural areas receive governmental, educational and other services will also be positively impacted by the availability of broadband and related IP-based services in the rural areas. The cities of Gordon (population 1,610, according to the 2010 U.S Census) and Rushville (population 890) are the communities of interest for the rural residents who would receive these services. The availability of broadband services will greatly improve and expedite these rural customers' government, schools, libraries,

businesses transactions in these cities. Great Plains provides voice, video and broadband services in Gordon and Rushville, and works closely with the “anchor institutions” in those communities. Attachment D lists the anchor institutions that would benefit from new broadband availability in surrounding areas and enhanced broadband services in the communities.

The availability of broadband services will have a much-needed positive impact on residents’ standard of living, given that many of the affected customers are ranchers or farmers, or in the service sector to those populations. The median household income in both Cherry County (\$45,172) and Sheridan County (\$37,813) are well below the national median family income of \$53,046 as well as the Nebraska statewide median of \$51,381. Thus, introduction of broadband services to these residents who do not have access to such services will improve their economic opportunities.

E. Initial Proposed Budget

Costs for this rural experiment will primarily include purchase and installation of fiber optic cable and necessary electronics in the central offices and rural nodes to bring these IP-based services to every customer location. Great Plains would maximize efficiency by utilizing existing copper local distribution plant since many of those local loops are of extreme length (the longest rural loop in the experiment service area is 65 miles) and would be infeasible to replace.

An initial estimate of total costs of equipment and installation is \$5,189,000. A high-level budget for the experiment is as follows:

<u>Fiber Optic Cable</u>	<u>Electronics</u>
Gordon exchange:	Gordon exchange:
139.52 miles \$2,790,000	24 remote cabinets and electronics \$414,000
	Central office equipment \$110,000
Rushville exchange:	Rushville exchange:
79.48 miles <u>\$1,590,000</u>	13 remote cabinets and electronics \$225,000
	Central office equipment <u>\$ 60,000</u>
Total \$4,380,000	Total \$809,000

Great Plains expects to be able to complete construction of this experiment with one-time funding from the program, assuming the budget submitted is funded in full. Great Plains has experience with similar funding in the Nebraska Public Service Commission’s matching grant program and has successfully completed projects on time and on budget. However, the Gordon and Rushville exchanges will continue to require ongoing federal universal service high-cost funding in order for Great Plains to continue to operate and maintain service in these locations, as well as to continue to provide adequate time-division multiplexed voice services for those customers who do not choose to utilize the broadband and IP services provided in this experiment.

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We look forward to working with the Commission to pursue deployment of this unique broadband experiment in this very rural part of the nation. Great Plains stands ready to accommodate any inquires to assist in evaluation of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd A. Foje". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

Todd A. Foje
Chief Executive Officer
Great Plains Communications, Inc.

Attachments

Great Plains Communications, Inc.

Certification of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules for Voice and Broadband Services

Service quality standards and consumer protection rules for broadband are not as defined as the rules for voice services. The Company complies with any service quality standards and consumer protection rules for broadband that are out there now and any that will be defined in the future.

Service Quality Standards

For voice services, the Company:

- Provides voice grade access to the public switched network.
- Provides flat rated local exchange service with no additional charge to end users.
- Provides access to the emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911.
- Provides toll blocking and toll limitation services.

For voice and broadband services, the Company:

- Advertises the availability of its services and the charges using media of general distribution and/or on its website.
- Maintains a business office providing customers with access to a customer service representative either in person or via a local telephone call or toll-free telephone number during business hours.
- Directs after hour calls to the Company's help desk.
- Directs trouble reports to the on-call technician.
- Tracks all service orders to ensure they are completed in a timely manner.
- Measures its service connection and service interruption performance on a regular basis.
- Trains employees to:
 - Answer all incoming calls promptly.
 - Respond to all inquiries for information promptly and courteously.
 - Investigate thoroughly all customer complaints and handle appropriately according to the Company's guidelines for resolution of customer complaints.
 - Be knowledgeable about products and service offerings so they can assist the customer with selecting the best service option.
- Has a process for periodic inspection, testing and preventive maintenance of its equipment to permit the rendering of safe, adequate and continuous service at all times.
- Meets or exceeds the standards established by the state commission and provides any reports required in accordance with the state commission's rules.

Consumer Protection Rules

The Company has established operating procedures designed to facilitate compliance with applicable consumer protection rules which include compliance with the Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules. The operating procedures include:

- Appointment of a compliance officer.
- A manual detailing the specific procedures for protecting consumer information.
- Employee training on an annual basis.
- A disciplinary process for improper use of consumer information.

If complaints are filed with the Company regarding consumer protection rules, the complaint is immediately investigated, the matter tracked and any corrective action noted. This process ensures that problems are addressed and corrections made.

Great Plains Communications, Inc.

Functionality in Emergency Situations

Back-Up Power

Great Plains Communications (GPC) provides service in Nebraska through more than 80 local Central Offices. These offices have a variety of equipment (local switch nodes, DLC, etc.) to provide voice, video, and data services to our customers. Every GPC Central Office has a full 40 volt power system that includes a minimum of 8 hours of battery backup for this essential equipment. Additionally, each Central Office has a stand by generator that automatically comes on line in the event that commercial power is lost. Each generator is capable of powering the entire office, including lights and HVAC.

Rerouting of Traffic around Damaged Facilities

Great Plains Communications operates a fiber optic network across the state of Nebraska. This network allows for full redundancy to almost every Central Office, allowing the capability to route around damaged facilities. For those offices that are not on the fully redundant fiber optic backbone, there is Emergency Stand Alone (ESA) equipment in every GPC Central Office that will allow full local calling capabilities, including 911, in the case of a damage that isolates that office.

Traffic Spikes

Great Plains Communications configures its switches based on the industry standard trunk concentration ratio of between 4 to 1 and 6 to 1. This provides sufficient unused switching capacity to adequately support sporadic traffic spikes.

(700) Price Offerings Including Voice Rate Data
Data Collection Form

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July 2012

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NE	Arnold		FR	19.2	0.0	1.33	0.0	20.53
NE	Bancroft		FR	19.2	0.0	1.33	0.0	20.53
NE	Beemer		FR	19.2	0.0	1.4	1.0	21.6
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NE	Beemer		FR	19.2	0.0	1.4	1.0	21.6
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NE	Bloomfield		FR	19.2	0.0	1.33	0.0	20.53
NE	Byron		FR	19.2	0.0	1.4	1.0	21.6
NE	Callaway		FR	19.2	0.0	1.33	0.0	20.53
NE	Cedar Rapids		FR	19.2	0.0	1.39	0.75	21.34
NE	Center		FR	19.2	0.0	1.33	0.0	20.53
NE	Chapman		FR	19.2	0.0	1.47	1.9	22.57
NE	Chester		FR	19.2	0.0	1.33	0.0	20.53
NE	Cody		FR	19.2	0.0	1.68	5.0	25.88
NE	Cotesfield		FR	19.2	0.0	1.4	1.0	21.6
NE	Creighton		FR	19.2	0.0	1.33	0.0	20.53
NE	Crofton		FR	19.2	0.0	1.33	0.0	20.53
NE	Crookston		FR	19.2	0.0	1.37	0.5	21.07

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NE	Culbertson		FR	19.2	0.0	1.37	0.5	21.07
NE	Deshler		FR	19.2	0.0	1.4	1.0	21.6
NE	Dodge		FR	19.2	0.0	1.4	1.0	21.6
NE	Elgin		FR	19.2	0.0	1.4	1.0	21.6
NE	Ewing		FR	19.2	0.0	1.4	1.0	21.6
NE	Gordon		FR	19.2	0.0	1.33	0.0	20.53
NE	Grant		FR	19.2	0.0	1.54	3.0	23.74
NE	Hay Springs		FR	19.2	0.0	1.33	0.0	20.53
NE	Hayes Center		FR	19.2	0.0	1.4	1.0	21.6
NE	Herman		FR	19.2	0.0	1.47	1.9	22.57
NE	Imperial		FR	19.2	0.0	1.33	0.0	20.53
NE	Indianola		FR	19.2	0.0	1.33	0.0	20.53
NE	Kilgore		FR	19.2	0.0	1.68	5.0	25.88
NE	Merriman		FR	19.2	0.0	1.33	0.0	20.53
NE	Mirage Flats		FR	19.2	0.0	1.33	0.0	20.53
NE	Niobrara		FR	19.2	0.0	1.33	0.0	20.53
NE	North Bend		FR	19.2	0.0	1.4	1.0	21.6
NE	Oakdale		FR	19.2	0.0	1.4	1.0	21.6
NE	Oconto		FR	19.2	0.0	1.33	0.0	20.53
NE	Page		FR	19.2	0.0	1.4	1.0	21.6
NE	Palisade		FR	19.2	0.0	1.4	1.0	21.6

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NE	Arnold	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Bancroft	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Beemer	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Belgrade	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Bloomfield	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Byron	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Callaway	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Cedar Rapids	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Center	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Chapman	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Chester	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
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NE	Crofton	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Crookston	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Culbertson	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Deshler	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Dodge	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Elgin	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge

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NE	Gordon	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
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NE	Hay Springs	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
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NE	Imperial	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Indianola	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Kilgore	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Merriman	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Mirage Flats	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Niobrara	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	North Bend	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Oakdale	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Oconto	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Page	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Palisade	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Petersburg	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Ponca	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Primrose	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Ragan	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge

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NE	Red Cloud	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Rushville	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Saint Edward	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Scribner	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Snyder	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Spalding	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Stapleton	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Stratton	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Sutherland	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Trenton	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Tryon	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Venango	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Verdigre	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Walnut	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Wausa	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Wilcox	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Winnetoon	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Wisner	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Wolbach	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Wood Lake	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Wynot	47.95	0.0	47.95	5.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge

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NE	Archer	57.95	0.0	57.95	10.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Arnold	57.95	0.0	57.95	10.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Bancroft	57.95	0.0	57.95	10.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Beemer	57.95	0.0	57.95	10.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Belgrade	57.95	0.0	57.95	10.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Bloomfield	57.95	0.0	57.95	10.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Byron	57.95	0.0	57.95	10.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Callaway	57.95	0.0	57.95	10.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Cedar Rapids	57.95	0.0	57.95	10.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Center	57.95	0.0	57.95	10.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Chapman	57.95	0.0	57.95	10.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Chester	57.95	0.0	57.95	10.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Cody	57.95	0.0	57.95	10.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Cotesfield	57.95	0.0	57.95	10.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Creighton	57.95	0.0	57.95	10.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Crofton	57.95	0.0	57.95	10.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Crookston	57.95	0.0	57.95	10.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Culbertson	57.95	0.0	57.95	10.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Deahler	57.95	0.0	57.95	10.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Dodge	57.95	0.0	57.95	10.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge
NE	Elgin	57.95	0.0	57.95	10.0	1.0	25.0	Overage Charge

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Form 48
NP-48 (Rev. 03-09) (OMB No. 3045-0047)
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G R E A T P L A I N S
C O M M U N I C A T I O N S

October 17, 2012

Roger Trudell, Tribal Chairman
Santee Sioux Tribe Headquarters
108 Spirit Lake Ave.
Santee, NE 68760

Dear Chairman Trudell:

Sent Return Receipt Requested

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as part of a recent Order reforming the federal universal service mechanisms related to telecommunications and information services, has adopted new requirements that are intended to facilitate engagement between telecommunications companies serving Tribal Lands.

Although the FCC's rules related to Tribal Engagement still await approval by the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and will not legally take effect until that occurs, Great Plains Communications, Inc. would, as soon as possible, like to begin discussions with the Santee Sioux Tribe in a manner consistent with the pending FCC rules. Accordingly, we would request a meeting with the Tribe and it is our hope that this meeting could be held as soon as possible. The purpose of this meeting will, generally, be to exchange information related to the deployment and provisioning of communications services on the Santee Sioux Reservation.

In regard to this requested meeting, it is important that at least some of the individuals attending the meeting are "decision-makers." As noted in the FCC's July 19th Public Notice providing further guidance, "this engagement cannot be merely between sales and marketing individuals on one side and administrative staff or advisors on the other. The perspectives on needs, expectations, priorities, and abilities that would formulate meaningful exchange often can come only from those with the requisite authority to make decisions."

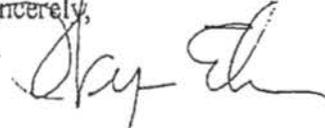
In hopes of soon proceeding with Tribal Engagement on these matters related to the provisioning of communications services on the Santee Sioux Reservation, we ask at this time that the Santee Sioux Tribe respond with the name and contact information for a Tribal representative who could assist in scheduling and arranging a meeting with the appropriate Tribal government staff and leaders to discuss the items referenced above. This information may be provided to the undersigned by calling 402-456-6594 or through an e-mail directed to wenelson@gpcom.com.



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PO Box 500
Blair, NE 68008
1.888.343.8014
www.gpcom.com

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. We look forward to discussing these important matters with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wyman E. Nelson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Wyman E. Nelson



G R E A T P L A I N S
C O M M U N I C A T I O N S

November 14, 2012

Cyril Scott, President
Rosebud Sioux Tribe
P. O. Box 430
Rosebud, SD 57570

Dear President Scott:

Sent Return Receipt Requested

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as part of a recent Order reforming the federal universal service mechanisms related to telecommunications and information services, has adopted new requirements that are intended to facilitate engagement between telecommunications companies serving Tribal Lands.

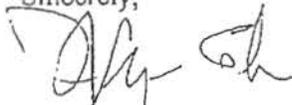
Although the FCC's rules related to Tribal Engagement still await approval by the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and will not legally take effect until that occurs, Great Plains Communications, Inc. offers to begin discussions with the Tribe in a manner consistent with the pending FCC rules. Accordingly, we offer to at anytime convenient to tribal decision-makers meet with the Tribe. The purpose of this meeting will, generally, be to exchange information related to the deployment and provisioning of communications services on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation.

Although we serve only 66 customers on the reservation, we are fully prepared to engage in a meaningful exchange with the Tribe. We are a wireline company and do not provide any wireless service on the reservation.

We ask at this time that the Rosebud Sioux Tribe respond with the name and contact information for a Tribal representative who would be our contact for arranging discussions. This information may be provided to the undersigned by calling 402-456-6594 or through an e-mail directed to wenelson@gpcom.com.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. We look forward to discussing these important matters with you.

Sincerely,



Wyman E. Nelson

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