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UTILITIES COMMISSION

September 10, 2008

**Director of Communications
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 77501-5070**

Dear Director

Enclosed please find revised a Great Plains Communications Service Catalog Sheets as follows: Section 4-1-1.

Also enclosed is a copy of the 'Notice of Proposed Rate Changes' that was sent to our telephone customers.

I am sending this information to you because a few South Dakota customers are served from our Nebraska central offices.

The purpose of this filing is to increase the fee that is charged for Flat Rated Service for Residential, Business and Semi-Public Telephones.

If you have any questions on this filing, please call me at 1-402-426-6582.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brenda Jenny". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Brenda Jenny
Manager Special Services**

**Enclosures: Great Plains Communications Catalog Sheet 4-1-1
Notice of Proposed Rate Changes**

GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
BLAIR, NEBRASKA

SERVICE CATALOG NO. 1
SECTION NO. 4
NINTH REVISED SHEET NO. 1

SECTION NO. 4 RATE LIST

4.1 Exchange Service

Reference

4.1.1 Flat Rated Service

3.1.1

3.4.2

Semi-Public

Telephone Service

	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Business</u>	
Schedule A Exchanges	\$19.20 (I)	\$29.95 (I)	\$29.95 (I)
Schedule B Exchanges	\$19.20 (I)	\$29.95 (I)	\$29.95 (I)

ISSUED: September 8, 2008 EFFECTIVE: November 1, 2008

BY: Todd A. Foje, Chief Executive Officer
Box 500, Blair, Nebraska 68008



July 22, 2008

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGES

Dear Valued Customer,

At Great Plains Communications, Inc., our goal is to continue to provide you with the best possible services while keeping the rates for all of our customers as low as possible. Great Plains Communications has not increased its rates for residential local telephone service in 8 years and business basic telephone service in 6 years. However, in order to continue to provide the highest quality and most frequently requested communications services, Great Plains Communications must make adjustments to its rates as costs of doing business have increased.

With this in mind, in accordance with Nebraska statutes and the Rules of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, through this letter Great Plains Communications is providing you notice of its intention to increase basic local telephone rates for its residential and business customers effective with your November 2008 bill. These increases will be effective in all of Great Plains Communication's communities. Please see the attachment to this letter for a list of these communities. The proposed basic local telephone service rate increases are as follows:

	Current Monthly Rate	Proposed Monthly Rate
Residential Line	\$17.50	\$19.20
Business, Coin, & Key Line*	\$27.50	\$29.95

*Business, Coin, and Key Line includes the following (Business Line, Outgoing Business Line, Customer-Owned Coin Line, Semi Public Paystation Line, Key System Line-Business and Key System Line Outgoing.)

If you currently subscribe to a Great Plains Communications Residential Bundle that includes voice service, you will see a monthly increase in your Bundle rate of \$1.70. Even after the implementation of these increases, Great Plains Communications will continue to provide competitive rates for basic local telephone service in Nebraska.

Great Plains Communications will continue to offer a \$3.00 discount per line for additional business lines at the same premise. If you currently subscribe to a Great Plains Communications Business Bundle with voice service, you will see a monthly increase of \$2.45 in your Bundle rate.

Public informational meetings will be held at which time details will be provided with regard to the proposed rate increases. As a valued Great Plains Communications customer, you are welcome to attend a meeting. The meetings will take place at the following locations and times:

City	Address	Date	Time
Gordon	Gordon City Office Multi-Purpose Room 311 N. Oak Street	Tuesday, August 12	5 pm MST
Arnold	Village of Arnold Office 205 South Carroll	Wednesday, August 13	12:30 pm CST
Imperial	Imperial Public Library 703 Broadway	Wednesday, August 13	5 pm MST
Red Cloud	Red Cloud Community Center 142 W. 3rd Avenue	Wednesday, August 20	5 pm CST
Elgin	Knights of Columbus Hall 115 South 2nd Street	Tuesday, August 26	5 pm CST
Scribner	Gambino's 437 Main Street	Wednesday, August 27	5 pm CST

You have the right as an affected customer to request the Commission conduct a review of the proposed rate increases. In accordance with applicable statutes and Commission Rules, Commission review will occur if at least five percent (5%) of affected customers present proper complaints to the Commission. Since 25,934 customers will be affected by this increase, at least 1,297 customers must sign and file complaints with the Commission for Commission review to occur. Each residential complaint is required to include the date, the customer's signature, and the customer's telephone number. Business customers are required to include the name of the business, the signature of an officer or an agent and the business telephone number (to aid in verifying the customer/business). Complaints mailed to the Commission should be postmarked by October 20, 2008. For more information or to obtain a sample complaint, contact the Nebraska Public Service Commission, 300 The Atrium, 1200 "N" Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, telephone 402.471.3101 or 1.800.526.0017 or visit the Commission's website at www.psc.state.ne.us.

Please feel free to contact Great Plains Communications with any questions at 1.888.343.8014.

Great Plains Communications is committed to providing you with quality communications services at competitive rates. Thank you for being a valued Great Plains Communications customer. We appreciate your business.

Sincerely,

Great Plains Communications, Inc.

Enclosure



**List of Communities Affected by Proposed Basic Local Telephone
Service Rate Increase**

Archer	Magnet
Arnold	Merriman
Bancroft	Mirage Flats
Beemer	Niobrara
Belgrade	North Bend
Bloomfield	Oakdale
Byron	Oconto
Callaway	Page
Cedar Rapids	Palisade
Center	Petersburg
Champion	Ponca
Chapman	Primrose
Chester	Ragan
Cody	Red Cloud
Cotesfield	Reynolds
Creighton	Riverton
Crofton	Rushville
Crookston	Santee
Culbertson	Scribner
Deshler	Snyder
Dodge	Spalding
Eddyville	St. Edward
Elgin	St. Helena
Enders	Stapleton
Ewing	Stratton
Fordyce	Sutherland
Gordon	Trenton
Grant	Tryon
Hamlet	Venango
Hay Springs	Verdigre
Hayes Center	Walnut
Herman	Wausa
Hubbell	Wilcox
Huntley	Winnetoon
Imperial	Wisner
Indianola	Wolbach
Kilgore	Wood Lake
Lamar	Wynot