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## Great Plains Communications announces increased Internet speeds of up to 300 Mbps in McCook, Nebraska

Upgrades and restructured pricing further advance the company's initiative to position McCook as a fiber-rich community

November 19, 2018 (Blair, NE) - Great Plains Communications, the largest privately-owned telecommunications company in Nebraska has increased residential Internet speeds in McCook, Nebraska, taking the maximum speed offering from 100 Mbps to 300 Mbps. Along with these improvements, the company has restructured pricing to make high-speed Internet services more reasonable for area residents. These service and pricing enhancements are all part of the company's initiative to position the city of McCook as a fiber optic rich community.

"We have been increasing our fiber presence and continually enhancing services in the city of McCook since we began serving customers in 2007," said Todd Foje, CEO of Great Plains Communications. "Today we have over 19 miles of fiber and growing throughout the city. We began offering voice services in 2017, which allows us to offer a 3-product bundle of voice, high-speed Internet and cable television."

Along with higher speeds and restructured pricing, Great Plains Communications implemented a complimentary speed upgrade in early November, raising current Internet speeds by one tier with virtually no cost increase to residential customers.

Foje added, "Great Plains Communications is committed to sustaining and advancing rural Nebraska. We see McCook as a city with a lot of potential, and we are excited to continue to enhance and add speed and services that position the city of McCook as a fiber rich community to help attract new businesses and residents that will stimulate economic development and ongoing growth."

Great Plains Communications has been serving McCook since the fall of 2007. Residential offerings include high-speed Internet, cable television and voice. Business and enterprise offerings include Internet, managed Ethernet, hosted services and traditional and cloud-based voice. The company owns and operates a local office and has five technicians who live and work in the City of McCook. Plans for further fiber expansion in 2019 include targeted areas of the McCook business district.

## **About Great Plains Communications**

Great Plains Communications is the largest privately-owned telecommunications provider in Nebraska. The company provides over 90 communities across the state with high-speed Internet, cable television, and voice services. Business solutions range from traditional and cloud-based voice and data products to installation and support of large business networks with scalable Internet and Ethernet solutions.

At the core of their service offering is an extensive 9,500-mile regional fiber network including over 300 fiber miles in the Omaha Metro area. The network extends beyond Nebraska into Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Wyoming offering community access rings, last-mile, and middle-mile solutions, all fully supported by their 24x7x365 Network Operations Center. The company is financially strong with over a century of experience providing reliable and innovative solutions. Great Plains Communications is privately owned by <u>Grain Management, LLC</u>: a leading private equity firm focused on investments in the Communications sector. For more information visit <u>www.gpcom.com</u>.

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