

## **John C. Jordison**

John C. Jordison was born April 25, 1951 in Fort Dodge, Iowa. He graduated from Hoover High School in Des Moines, Iowa. Although accepted academically to attend the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, he attended Drake University in Des Moines, graduating in 1973 with a BA degree in Journalism.

Jordison worked for the *Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal* in 1974-75, served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Niger, West Africa in 1975, co-founded *The Iowa High School Athletic News* and served as president and publisher in 1976-78, and worked in sales for Xerox Corporation in 1978-79.

From 1979 through 1986, Jordison served in various capacities for Northern Natural Gas Company, Peoples Natural Gas Company, and other subsidiaries of InterNorth, Inc. in Omaha, Nebraska. In 1986, he became president of the Nebraska Tax Research Council in Lincoln, Nebraska, a non-profit, non-partisan fiscal policy analysis organization that monitors state and local government tax and spending issues.

In late 2002, after 16 years with the Tax Research Council, Jordison accepted the position of Director of Government Affairs and Economic Development with Great Plains Communications in Blair, Nebraska, a family-owned telecommunications company.

Great Plains Communications provides telecommunications, cable television and Internet services to 77 Nebraska communities, which are located across Nebraska from Imperial to Gordon to Ponca to Red Cloud. Great Plains' service area represents 13 percent of the geographic area of Nebraska, but less than five percent of the population. The company is dedicated to promoting community and economic development in its service area and the preservation of "rural Nebraska."

Jordison is married to LouAnn Vollertsen Jordison. They have five adult children, and reside on an acreage east of Lincoln.