

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

COX RHODE ISLAND TELCOM'S:  
TARIFF REVISION FOR LIFELINE : DOCKET NO. 2535  
CUSTOMERS :

ORDER

On December 1, 2006, Cox Rhode Island Telcom, L.L.C. ("Cox") submitted revisions to its Local Exchange Telecommunication Service Tariff, R.I.P.U.C. Tariff No. 1, for effect January 1, 2007. One of the revisions added a measured service pricing option for Lifeline Customers. The measured service pricing option for basic local exchange service will be provided at the cost of \$1.00 per month and will include 180 minutes of local calling. Additional local calling area minutes will be offered at \$0.04 per minute of use. This option is available to Lifeline customers, who are eligible for receiving low-income assistance. On December 18, 2006, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers ("Division") filed a memorandum. The Division did not recommend suspension of the tariff and its amendments. At an open meeting on December 19, 2006, the Commission did not suspend Cox's proposed tariff revisions and the revision went into effect on January 1, 2007.

Cox's tariff filing, which provides a measured service option for Lifeline customers at \$1 per month, eliminates the need for the Commission to "initiate an investigation to determine if all eligible telecommunications carriers in Rhode Island must provide basic measured service for Lifeline customers."<sup>1</sup> By Cox providing measured telephone service at \$1 per month for Lifeline customers, it is providing a service at a rate comparable to the measured service option Verizon-Rhode Island is

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<sup>1</sup> Order No. 18550, p. 39.

required to provide to Lifeline customers.<sup>2</sup> Thus, Cox's tariff filing fulfills the principle that in a competitive market "one competitor should not be placed at a competitive disadvantage because it carries more societal burdens than other carriers."<sup>3</sup> This tariff revision levels the playing field.

Accordingly, it is

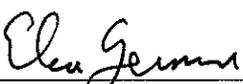
(18802) ORDERED:

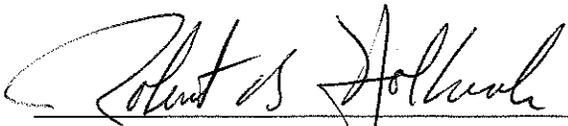
1. Cox Rhode Island Telcom, L.L.C.'s tariff revision filed on December 1, 2006 is not suspended and is allowed to go into effect on January 1, 2007.
2. The third Ordering Paragraph of Order No. 18550 is satisfied by Cox Rhode Island Telcom, L.L.C.'s tariff revision filed on December 1, 2006.

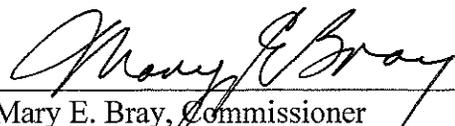
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2007 AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND  
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING ON DECEMBER 19, 2006. WRITTEN  
ORDER ISSUED JANUARY 5, 2007.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



  
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Elia Germani, Chairman

  
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Robert B. Holbrook, Commissioner

  
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Mary E. Bray, Commissioner

<sup>2</sup> Id., p. 37.

<sup>3</sup> Id.