

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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NOTICE OF CONFERENCE CALL

- To: Companies Providing Local Exchange Service in Rhode Island
- From: Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
- Date: February 25, 2009
- Re: Rules Regarding Residential Collections Procedures by Local Exchange Carriers in Rhode Island

The Public Utilities Commission has rules in effect that govern Telephone Collection Procedures, effective November 2, 1992. Since the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, there have been many changes in both regulation and technology that may necessitate changes to the current rules to determine how unregulated activities of local exchange carriers may impact the regulated activities under the Commission's rules.

Please take notice that Commission Staff will hold a conference call on March 25, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of the conference is to discuss the rules, seek suggestions on the rules and discuss areas identified by local exchange carriers which they see as needing discussion.

Individuals wishing to participate can call 1-800-582-9056 and room number *9845174* (press the * key before and after the number). There is a maximum capacity of 125 lines on the conference call. Therefore, please RSVP not later than March 20 by e-mail to <u>lmassaso@puc.state.ri.us</u>.

For more information about this conference, please contact Cindy Wilson-Frias @ <u>cwilson@puc.state.ri.us</u> (401) 780-2147.

The current rules can be accessed on the Commission's website through the following link:

http://www.ripuc.org/rulesregs/commrules/telco_coll_procedure.pdf

cc Jim Lanni, Division of Public Utilities & Carriers Leo Wold, Dept. of Attorney General