
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held January 13, 2011

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Mary Bray, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Amy D'Alessandro, Alan Nault, Sharon Colby Camara, Nicholas Ucci, Dilip Shah and Luly Massaro. Commission Staff Patricia Lucarelli was not present.

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers

The following companies filed revisions to their existing tariffs. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and recommends that they be allowed to go into effect without suspension:

- 3059 – Broadview Networks, Inc. (tariff filing 12/31/10)
- 2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filings 12,15, 12/23 & 12/30/10)
- 2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filings 12/15 & 12/23/10)
- 2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC (tariff filing 12/29/10)
- 2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services (tariff filing 12/29/10)
- 2262(N21) – Comcast Phone of RI LLC (tariff filing 12/29/10)
- 2262(P2) – NOSVA Limited Partnership (tariff filing 12/14/10)
- 2262(O2) – NOS Communications (tariff filing 12/14/10)
- 2262(Q2) – Affinity Network Inc. (tariff filing 12/14/10)

After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

The following companies filed a request to relinquish or cancel their authority to transact business in RI as telecommunication service provider:

- 3803 – Close Call America, Inc.
- 2262(H15) – Snip Link LLC
- 2262(F17) – Ridley Telephone Co., LLC

After review, Commissioner Bray moved to rescind the authority of the companies as requested. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The following companies are not in compliance with the "Regulations and Fee Schedules for Telecommunications Providers". The regulations set forth annual assessment fees for telecommunications providers for costs incurred by the Commission and Division in docketing, investigation, and decision-making. These annual fees are due each July 1. Failure to comply with the regulations results in the cancellation of authority to operate in this state. The Division filed a memorandum indicating that these companies have failed to make their annual registration payment and recommends that their authority to conduct business in RI be terminated, cancelled and rescinded for non-payment of annual registration fee:

- 3695 – CommPartners, LLC
- 3526 – National Grid Communications
- 2262(E20) – Asia Talk Telecom, Inc.

2262(E19) – Network US, Inc.

2262(Q20) – Zeus Telecommunications, LLC

After review, Chairman Germani moved to rescind the authority of the companies.

Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion to rescind was unanimously passed.

Vote 3-0.

4217 – Verizon Rhode Island – The Commission reviewed Verizon’s December 21, 2010 tariff filing to grandfather ISDN Primary Service 2- and 3-year Term & Volume Pricing Plans. The Division has reviewed the filing and recommended that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon’s tariff filing.

Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4216 – Verizon Rhode Island – The Commission reviewed Verizon’s December 16, 2010 tariff filing to introduce Business Direct Bill Credit. The Division has reviewed the filing and recommended that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review,

Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon’s tariff filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4215 – Verizon Rhode Island – The Commission reviewed Verizon’s December 16, 2010 tariff filing to increase to monthly rates for business packages. The Division has reviewed the filing and recommends that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review,

Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon’s tariff filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3762 – Interstate Navigation Co. – Interstate Navigation filed on December 23, 2010 filed a request to implement an automatic Return on Equity rate increase for its traditional ferry service. Interstate Navigation proposes an across the board rate increase of 1.92%. Commissioner Bray moved to suspend Interstate’s proposed tariff pending investigation and hearing into the company’s proposal. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4171 - Pawtucket Water Supply Board (PWSB) – The Commission reviewed PWSB compliance rates calculated to collect additional revenues in the amount of \$2,006,377. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and recommending approval of the compliance rates. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve PWSB’s compliance rates as filed. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Gas Marketers: The following companies filed an application for authority to transact as gas marketer. The Division has reviewed the application and recommends approval of:

2379(L2) – Ameresco, Inc.

2379(K2) – E Source Companies

2379(J2) – South Jersey Energy Co. d/b/a Halifax

After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the applications. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.