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**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

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**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held January 31, 2013**

**Attendees:** Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Mary Bray, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Amy D'Alessandro, Alan Nault, Sharon Colby Camara, Dilip Shah, Nicholas Ucci and Luly Massaro. 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.**

**Minutes of Open Meetings held December 20, 2012 and January 9, 2013:** After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers**

The following companies filed an application for authority to transact as provider of telecommunication services. The Division has reviewed the applications and recommends approval of:

- 4386 – Birch Communications of the Northeast
- 4374 – Blue Jay Wireless, LLC

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

The following companies submitted tariff revision to their existing rates. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and recommends that they be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

- 3059 – Broadview Networks, Inc. (tariff filings 1/2 & 1/18/13)
- 2425 – Teleport Communications America, LLC (tariff filing 1/22/13)
- 2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filings 1/22/13)
- 2262(K) – SNET America, Inc. (tariff filings 1/9/13)

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

**4361 – Noble Altona Windpark, LLC** – The Company filed an application for certification of the Noble Altona Windpark, LLC Generating Unit, a 97.5 MW combined wind energy Generation Unit located in Altona, NY, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the application with the conditional requirement that the Company provide the Commission with the NEEPOL-GIS Asset Identification Number. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4362 – Noble Wethersfield Windpark, LLC** - The Company filed an application for certification of the Noble Wethersfield Windpark, a 126 MW combined wind energy Generation Unit located in Bliss, NY, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource. After review,

Commissioner Bray moved to approve the application with the conditional requirement that the Company provide the Commission with the NEEPOL-GIS Asset Identification Number. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4363 – Noble Chateaugay Windpark, LLC** - The Company filed an application for certification of the Noble Chateaugay Windpark, a 106.5 MW combined wind energy Generation Unit located in Churubusco, NY, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the application with the conditional requirement that the Company provide the Commission with the NEEPOL-GIS Asset Identification Number. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4365 – Ice House Partners, Inc.** - The Company filed an application for certification of the Ice House Partners, Inc. Generation Unit, a 0.28MW Small Hydro energy Generation Unit located in Ayer, MA, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the application as filed. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4142 - Kent County Water Authority (KCWA)** – The Commission reviewed the record regarding KCWA’s Petition for Miscellaneous Relief from Order No. 20162 filed on November 13, 2012. After review Commissioner Bray moved to approve KCWA’s petition to allow KCWA to withdraw \$607,777 from restricted Operating Revenue Allowance. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4341 – Pascoag Utility District** – Pascoag submitted compliance tariffs and proposed Economic Development Commercial and Industrial Rate R.I.P.U.C. No. 457. The Division has reviewed the Economic Development rate and has no objection to approval of the tariff. The compliance filing includes revised rates to reflect a total cost of service of \$2,540,035 in accordance with the Settlement Agreement that was approved by the Commission on January 28, 2013. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve 1) Pascoag’s Compliance Tariffs filed on January 29, 2013, and 2) to approve Pascoag’s Economic Development Tariff filed on January 29, 2013. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4369 – Pascoag Utility District** – Pascoag filed on January 28, 2013 a Compliance Filing to reflect the approved Standard Offer Service Rate, Transition Charge and Transmission Charge effective February 1, 2013, pursuant to the Settlement Agreement that was approved in Docket No. 4341. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Pascoag’s Compliance Filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4288 – RI Office of Energy Resources (OER)** – The Commission reviewed the record relating to OER's proposed Classes, Ceiling Prices and Target for the 2013 Distributed Generation program. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve 1) OER's 2013 Proposed Ceiling Prices revised on January 9, 2013 to reflect pricing on the availability of the Investment Tax Credit and without Bonus Depreciation, and 2) OER's Technology Classes and Targets for the 2013 enrollment. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4277 – Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** – The Commission reviewed the record regarding National Grid's Distributed Generation Enrollment Application and Enrollment Process Rules for 2013. After reviewed, Commissioner Bray moved to approved National Grid's Revised Enrollment Rules filed on January 30, 2013 reflecting the Technology Classes and Targets recommended by OER and the January 9, 2013 ceiling prices. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4237 – National Grid** – The Commission reviewed the record regarding National Grid's report of the results of the Company's Request for Proposals (RFP) filed on December 17, 2012. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to find that National Grid complied with the RFP process approved by the Commission in Order No. 20871 and to accept National Grid's recommendation to conduct testing on 100% of the Contact Voltage Risk Areas in the first year and 20% each year thereafter. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and added that National Grid shall continue to monitor advances in technology for future RFPs to be issued in connection with the Company's Contact Voltage Detection Program. The motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4323 – National Grid** – National Grid filed on January 24, 2013 Compliance Filing which is updated to reflect changes to Settlement gas and electric revenue requirements as a result of Company's December 10, 2012 issuance of \$250 million of long-term debt as contemplated in the Amended Settlement Agreement that was approved by the Commission. The Compliance Filing also reflects the approved rates for the recovery of uncollectible expense and reflects the inclusion in rate base of capital additions that are currently being recovered through the Electric and Gas Infrastructure, Safety and Reliability (ISR) plans. The Compliance Filing includes revised base distribution rates to reflect a compliance revenue requirement of \$259,948,386 for the electric operations and \$166,765,895 for the gas operations for effect February 1, 2013.

The Division filed a memorandum (in Dockets 4323, 4366, 4346 and 4339) summarizing its review of National Grid's compliance filing and recommended approval of the various tariff changes in both rates and adjustment factors resulting from National Grid revised compliance filing.

After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve National Grid's Compliance Filing filed on January 24, 2013. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4366 – National Grid** - National Grid filed on January 24, 2013 Revised Gas and Electric Energy Efficiency Factor ("EE") rates to incorporate changes approved in Docket 4323. The Gas EE factor is revised from \$0.0413 per therm to \$0.0417 per therm to reflect the adjustment to include the approved uncollectible rate of 3.18%. The Electric EE factor is revised from \$0.00895 per kWh to \$0.00906 per kWh to reflect the adjustment to include the approved uncollectible rate of 1.25%. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and recommended approval of the EE factors resulting from National Grid revised compliance filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4346 – National Grid** - National Grid filed on January 24, 2013 Revised Distribution Adjustment Charge (DAC) rates to incorporate changes approved in Docket No. 4323. The DAC charges are revised to reflect the updated uncollectible rate of 3.18% and to eliminate the Capital Expenditure Tracker and to zero out the ISR Component. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and recommended approval of the DAC charge resulting from National Grid revised compliance filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4339 – National Grid** – National Grid filed on January 24, 2013 Revised Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) rates to incorporate changes approved in Docket No. 4323. The GCR rates are revised to include (a) the uncollectible rates of 3.18; (b) a revision to the gas cost working capital to reflect the lead days of 21.51 days, cost of capital of 7.54%, and total cost of debt (short term and long term) of 2.86%; and (c) the revision to the Supply Related LNG O&M expense in the amount of \$1,148,275. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review of National Grid's compliance filing and recommended approval the GCR rates resulting from National Grid revised compliance filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.