

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held February 1, 2007

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Commissioner Mary Bray, Steve Frias, Patricia Lucarelli, Thomas Massaro, Alan Nault and Luly Massaro.

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Minutes of open meeting held on December 27, 2006 and January 12, 2007. 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 provide telecommunications service in R.I. The Division has reviewed the applications and recommends approval of:

3807 – Matrix Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Matrix Business Technologies

2262(S20) – Pulse Telecom, LLC

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

The following companies submitted tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and does not recommend suspension of:

2618 – AT&T Communications of NE, Inc. (tariff filings 1/5, 1/8 & 1/12)

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filings 1/8, 1/10, 1/12 & 1/18/07)

3713 – Comtel Telcom Assets (tariff filing 1/12/07)

2535 – Cox RI Telcom (tariff filings 1/10, 1/11 & 1/15/07)

3028 – Qwest Communications (tariff filings 1/16 & 1/19/07)

2472 – Sprint Communications (tariff filing 1/5/07)

2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission Services (tariff filing 1/9/07)

2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services (tariff filing 1/9/07)

2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 1/11/07)

2262(G16) – NYNEX Long Distance (tariff filing 1/24/07)

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

The following companies ceased operation and requested that their authority to operate be cancelled and rescinded:

2619 – Qwest Interprise America, Inc.

2262(H18) – Gates Communications, Inc.

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

Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

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3256 – Verizon Rhode Island – The Commission reviewed Verizon’s January 5, proposed revision to the Performance Assurance Plan (PAP) to modify or delete the footnote regarding the application the 1 Recapture Provision on Metric NP-1-03. The revision was adopted by the NYPSC. The Division filed a memo recommending adoption of Verizon’s January 5 revision to the PAP. After review, Chairman Germani moved to adopt the modification as submitted by Verizon. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Renewable Energy Resources Generation Units: The Commission reviewed the Renewable Energy Resource certification applications filed by the following entities:
3786 – Seneca Energy II, LLC for its Generation Unit named Ontario
3780 – Model City, LLC for its Generation Unit named Model City
3782 – Innovative Energy LLC for its Generation Unit named Modern
After review, Chairman Germani moved to certify the Ontario, Model City and Modern Generation Units as new, Biomass Methane Gas Renewable Energy Resource. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3785 – Innovative Energy LLC for its Generation Unit named Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) – Mr. Nault reviewed that the generation unit meets the eligibility requirement but the date of operation is uncertain. It is anticipated that it will commence operation in June 2007. After review, Chairman Germani moved to certify the DANC Generation Unit as a new, Biomass Methane Gas Renewable Energy Resource with the condition that the entity verifies the commercial date of operation and NEPOOL GIS Asset Identification Number. Upon verification, the Commission will issue a Certification Number. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3779 – National Grid (NGrid) – The Commission discussed the filing process for NGrid’s prospective 2008 DSM filing. Commission Staff recommended that NGrid be instructed to file its 2008 DSM filing on October 15, the Division/other parties shall file responsive pleadings on November 1 if there is no settlement; or if a settlement is reached than it shall be filed on November 1. Chairman Germani moved to adopt the Staff’s recommendation. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.