

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held February 18, 2004

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Kate Racine, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Steve Frias, Cindy Wilson, Thomas Massaro, Alan Nault, Douglas Hartley 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 Meetings: After review, Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to approve the Minutes of Open Meetings held December 18, 2003, January 5, 2004, January 12, 2004 and January 22, 2004. The motion was seconded Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Commissioner Racine moved to approve the Minutes of Open Meeting held January 29, 2004. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and passed. **Vote 2-0.** Chairman Germani abstained as he recused himself from participation in the discussion of Docket 3564, which was the subject of the open meeting.

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers:

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

- 3196 – Z-Tel Communications, Inc.- filed 02/06/04
- 2472 – Sprint Communications – filed 01/30/04, 02/04/04, 02/09/04 & 02/13/04
- 2618 – AT&T Communications of New England, Inc. – filed 02/03/04
- 3028 – Qwest Communications – filed 02/11/04
- 2449 – Brooks Fiber Communication of RI – filed 01/29/04
- 2621 – MCI WorldCom Communications – filed 01/30/04
- 2262(P7) – MCI WorldCom Communications – filed 01/26/04 & 01/30/04
- 2262(A6) – Southwestern Bell Communications Services – filed 02/03/04 & 02/11/04
- 2262(O12) – Network Communications – filed 02/13/04
- 2262(Z) – Intellicall Operator Service, Inc. – filed 01/30/04
- 2262(G18) – Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc. – 02/02/04
- 2262(G16) – NYNEX Long Distance Co. – filed 02/03/04
- 2262((F16) – Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. – filed 01/22/04
- 2262(A6) – Southwestern Bell communications Services – filed 02/03/04 & 02/11/03
- 2262(X13) – ACN Communications Services, Inc. – filed 02/04/04
- 2262(L) – AmeriVision Communications, Inc. – filed 02/03/04

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

The following company submitted notification that it ceased or intent to cease operations in RI and requested that its authority to operate be cancelled and rescinded:

3233 – Touch America, Inc.

After review, Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to rescind the authority of the company. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3583 – Verizon Rhode Island: Verizon submitted a tariff filing to change the names of its Local Package products to enhance brand identity and standardize the packages across the Verizon footprint. Verizon is also adding Speed Dialing 30 as an additional feature option to Local Package Basic customers for effect February 22, 2004. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filing be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

There being no further business to discuss, the open meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M.