

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held February 28, 2007

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Commissioner Mary Bray, Steve Frias, Patricia Lucarelli, 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 meeting held on February 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 submitted an application for authority provide telecommunications service in RI. The Division has reviewed the applications and recommends approval of:

3820 – Granite Telecommunications, LLC

3810 – CCG Communications, 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:

2472 – Sprint Communications (tariff filing 1/31/07)

2535 – Cox RI Telcom (tariff filings 2/2 & 2/13/07)

3429 – AmeriVision Communications (tariff filing 2/13/07)

2618 – AT&T Communications of NE, Inc. (tariff filings 2/12 & 2/13/07)

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filing 2/12/07)

3686 – BellSouth Long Distance (tariff filing 2/13/07)

3026 – Qwest Communications (tariff filings 2/13 & 2/16/07)

2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission (tariff filing 1/30/07)

2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services (tariff filings 1/30/07)

2262(G17) – Global Internetworking, Inc. (tariff filing 2/9/07)

2262(G16) – NYNEX Long Distance Co. (tariff filing 1/30/07)

2262(F16) – Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 1/30/07)

2262(Z) – Intellicall Operator Services, Inc. (tariff filing 2/3/07)

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The following companies ceased operation and requested that its authority to operate be cancelled and rescinded:

2262(B20) – Acceris Management and Acquisition, LLC

2262(P18) – New Access Communications, LLC

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

3811 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon submitted a tariff filing to increase certain Value Added Services for business customer for effect March 1, 2007. The Division filed a memo indicating that it has reviewed Verizon’s tariff filing and finds that it conforms to the requirements of Verizon’s Successor Alternative Regulation Plan and Order No. 18550. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve Verizon’s tariff filing. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3812 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon submitted a tariff filing to increase various business and residential service for effect March 1, 2007. The Division filed a memo indicating that it has reviewed Verizon’s tariff filing and finds that it conforms to the requirements of Verizon’s Successor Alternative Regulation Plan and Order No. 18550. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve Verizon’s tariff filing. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3813 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon submitted a tariff filing to increase various Private Line Services for effect March 1, 2007. The Division filed a memo indicating that it has reviewed Verizon’s tariff filing and finds that it conforms to the requirements of Verizon’s Successor Alternative Regulation Plan and Order No. 18550. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve Verizon’s tariff filing. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Gas Marketers - The following companies submitted an application for authority to operate as gas marketer in RI. The Division has review the applications and recommends approval of:

2379(B2) – Utility Resource Solutions, L.P.

2379(C2) – Freedom Partners, LLC

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

3569 – Pascoag Utility District – Pascoag filed a request for reconsideration of the rules on the acceptance of credit card payments. Pascoag sought this request after receiving notice from its credit card processor notifying that Pascoag is in violation of the Visa/MasterCard terms and conditions for charging a fee for a credit transaction. After review, the Commission directed Pascoag and National Grid to explore whether it would possible, practical or cost effective for Pascoag to “piggyback” on the contract National Grid has with its vendor. Chairman Germani moved to deny Pascoag’s request for reconsideration. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion. Commissioner Holbrook opined that the fee for a credit card transaction should be absorbed by the utility and the cost borne by all ratepayers and therefore, he dissented. **Vote 2-1.**

Providence Water Supply Board – PWSB filed a Motion for Relief from Rule 2.6(b) of the PUC Rules of Practice and Procedure and requests that it be allowed to use a rate year

that is the calendar year 2008 in its full rate application (which filing is expected on or about March 31, 2007). PWSB represented that the Division has no objection to PWSB's motion. After review, Chairman Germani moved to grant PWSB's Motion for Relief from Rule 2.6(b). Commissioner Bray seconded the Chairman's motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 A.M.