

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held February 28, 2008

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Mary Bray, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Alan Nault, Douglas Hartley and Luly Massaro.

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

Minutes of Open Meetings held on 2/14//08: After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers

The following companies submitted tariff revisions. The Division reviewed the tariff filings and recommended that the tariffs be allowed to go into effect without suspension:

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filing 2/13/08)

3028 – Qwest Communications Corp. (tariff filing 2/18/08)

2736 – Conversent Communications of RI d/b/a One Communications (2/15/08)

3107 – Lightship Telecom LLC d/b/a One Communications (tariff filings 2/20/08)

2878 – Choice One Communications of RI d/b/a One Communications (2/15/08)

2262(C8) – CTC Communications Corp. d/b/a One Communications (2/13/08)

2262(U10) – Optimum Global Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 2/7/08)

2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance LLC (tariff filing 2/19/08)

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

Telecommunications Interconnection Agreements (ICA) – The following ICAs were submitted for review and approval. The Division has reviewed the ICAs and recommends adoption of:

3440 – ICA Amendment No. 2 between Verizon RI and Broadview Networks, Inc.

3244 – ICA Amendment No. 2 between Verizon RI and Metropolitan Telecommunications of Rhode Island, Inc.

After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the ICAs. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

3920 – Verizon Rhode Island – The Commission reviewed Verizon's February 8, 2008 tariff filing to clarify tariff language associated with two items in the existing ISDN PRI Portion of the tariff, Remote/Host Switching Clusters and ISDN PRI Anywhere, for effect March 9, 2008. After review, the Commission unanimously agreed to follow the Division's recommendation that the tariff filing be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

3917 – Verizon Rhode Island – The Commission reviewed Verizon's January 30, 2008, tariff filing to introduce the Voice Discount for Regional Essentials and Regional Value

for effect February 29, 2008. Cox RI Telcom filed a letter informing the Commission of a recent complaint at the FCC in connection with alleged “retention marketing” activities associated with the offering of the proposed “voice discount”. The Division did not oppose approval of the tariff, however, recommended that certain language contained in the tariff be stricken in light of the alleged complaint at the FCC. In light of the competitive market in RI, Chairman Germani was reluctant to delay approval of Verizon’s tariff. He noted that will take notice of the FCC’s decision on the alleged complaint when it is issued. Chairman Germani moved to approve Verizon’s tariff filing as filed. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**

3922 – CTC Communications Corp. d/b/a One Communications – The Commission reviewed One Communications’ Request for Waiver of NANPA’s decision denying One Communications’ request for additional 200 DID number block to meet the specific needs of a customer requesting additional numbering resources. Atty. Wilson-Frias summarize that One Communications’ rate of 72.1% utilization rate does not meet the FCC’s utilization rate of 75%, however, it is likely that it will assigned those numbers. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve One Communications’ request for waiver noting that the additional numbers will not burden the area code with unused assigned numbers. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.