

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held March 3, 2016

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Amy D'Alessandro, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault, Todd Bianco and Luly Massaro.

Chairperson Curran 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 on December 16, 2015 and February 10, 2016 – After review, Commissioner Roberti moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4600 – Investigation Into the Changing Distribution and the Modernization of Rates in Light of the Changing Distribution System - The PUC discussed the Staff's March 1, 2016 Memorandum outlining recommendations for a docket to Investigate the Changing Distribution System. The memorandum outlined the scope of the docket, and procedure and process for the docket. After discussion, Chairperson Curran moved to open Docket No. 4600 to explore the changing distribution system and the ratemaking processes related to the changing distribution going forward as recommended by the PUC Staff. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion to open Docket No. 4600 was passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 11:07 A.M.