

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held March 4, 2004

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Kate Racine, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Cindy Wilson, Alan Nault, Douglas Hartley and Luly Massaro.

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 2:30 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers:

The following company registered to operate in Rhode Island. The Division reviewed the registration and recommended approval of:

3590 – WorldxChange Corp.

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

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

2535 – Cox Telcom RI (filed 02/20/04)

3036 – CTC Communications Corp. (filed 02/16/04)

2618 – AT&T Communications of NE, Inc. (filed 02/20/04, 02/16/04 & 02/06/04)

2472 – Sprint Communications Co. (filed 02/20/04)

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (filed 02/18/04)

2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission Services (filed 02/20/04)

2262(X13) – ACN Communications (filed 02/23/04)

2262(L10) – PaeTec Communications (filed 02/23/04)

2262(P7) – MCI WorldCom (filed 02/20/04)

2262(A6) – Southwestern Bell Communications (filed 02/24/04 and 02/27/04)

2262(P2) – NOSVA Communications (filed 02/26/04)

2262(Q2) – Affinity Network Communications (filed 02/26/04)

2262(N2) – NOS Communications (filed 02/26/04)

2262(K) – SNET America, Inc. (filed 02/25/04)

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

Verizon RI Interconnection Agreements (ICAs):

The following ICA was submitted for approval. The Division has reviewed the ICA and recommends approval of:

3487 - ICA entered between Verizon and Sprint Communications Co. L.P.

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

3584 – Verizon Rhode Island: Verizon submitted a tariff filing to introduce two service offerings: Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business Feature Package 1 and Unlimited Local and Toll Usage for Business Feature Package 2 for effect March 10, 2004. After review, the Commission followed the Division recommendation that the tariff filing be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

3485, 2641 & 2624 – Utilities’ Petitions For Review Pursuant to RIGL 39-1-30: These dockets relate to petitions filed by several utilities seeking relief from certain street opening and restoration standard ordinances and regulations adopted by the City of Providence. The matter for discussion was the joint Motion for Entry of Final Order entered by Narragansett Electric Co., Providence Water Supply Board, New England Gas Co., Cox RI Telcom and Verizon New England and filed on February 17, 2004. No objection was filed. After review, Commissioner Racine moved that the Commission enter a final order reflecting the Commission’s approval of the Partial Settlement Agreement and the Consent Order approved by the Commission on August 19 hearing and December 4 open meeting, respectively, and to invalidate the Ordinance, Regulations and Sketches without further proceedings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

There being no further business to discuss, the open meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.