

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held March 8, 2005

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Steve Frias, Cindy Wilson, Thomas Massaro, Alan Nault 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.

Approval of Minutes of Open Meeting held February 17, 2005. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and passed. **Vote 2-0.**

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers:

The following company registered to provide telecommunications service in RI. The Division has reviewed the registrations and recommends approval of:

2262(W19) – ATX Licensing, Inc.

After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the registration. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

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

2618 – AT&T Communications of NE, Inc. (tariffs filing 2/16 & 2/23/05)

2624 – TCG Rhode Island (tariffs filing 2/10, 2/11 & 2/23/05)

2702 – Verizon Select Services, Inc. (tariff filing 2/18/05)

2472 – Sprint Communications (tariff filing 2/14/05)

2535 – Cox RI Telcom LLC (tariff filing 2/15/05)

2736 – Conversent Communications of RI (tariff filing 2/8/05)

3647 – XO Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filing 2/28/05)

2878 – ChoiceOne Communications (tariff filing 2/9/05)

3182 – Metropolitan Telecommunications, Inc. (tariff filing 2/14/05)

2486 – MCI metro Access Transmission Services LLC (tariff filing 2/10/05)

2621 – MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 2/9/05)

2262(P7) – MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 2/9/05)

2262(C19) – Inmate Calling Solutions, Inc. (tariff filing 2/10/05)

2262(F16) – Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 2/8/05)

2262(G16) – NYNEX Long Distance Co. (tariff filing 2/8/05)

2262(L10) – PAETEC Communications (tariff filing 2/18/05)

2262(C18) – Buzz Telecom Corp. (tariff filing 2/23/05)

2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance Inc. (tariff filing 2/7, 2/9 & 2/11/05)

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

3661 – Verizon Rhode Island: Verizon submitted a tariff filing proposal to increase the

day, evening and night per minute rates for Residence Regional Toll Calling (Message Telecommunications Service (MTS)) and Sensible Minute Optional Toll Calling Plan for effect March 19, 2005. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

3662 – Verizon Rhode Island: Verizon submitted a tariff filing to RIPUC Tariff No. 18 to implement the FCC's new unbundled (UNE) rules regarding as set forth in the TRO Remand Order issued February 4, 2005. After review of the several objections and responses received, Chairman Germani moved to adopt on an interim basis, pursuant to RIGL 39-3-12, Verizon's proposed tariff filing. Adoption of the tariff filing is subject to further investigation to determine if the wording of the proposed tariff needs to be revised and if necessary, the CLECs would be entitled to any refund or compensation for any inappropriate rate or action by Verizon during this interim period.

3626 – Woonsocket Water Division: The Commission reviewed Woonsocket's Water compliance tariff filing submitted February 21, 2005. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the compliance filing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

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