

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held March 8, 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 28 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 tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and does not recommend suspension of:

2472 – Sprint Communications (tariff filing 2/27/07)

2535 – Cox RI Telcom (tariff filing 2/20/07)

3059 – Broadview Networks (tariff filing 2/22/07)

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

3815 – United Way of Rhode Island – United Way filed a petition to implement 211 as the abbreviated dialing code for providing access to community information and referral services in RI. Verizon RI and Cox Telcom RI filed responses informing that both companies are working with United Way to insure full implementation and deployment of 211 by Summer 2007. The Division filed letter indicating that it does not oppose the petition. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the United Way's petition and that it moves forward to implement 211 dialing code as mandated by the FCC. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3819 – New England Fast Ferry, LLC (NEFF) – NEFF's submitted a tariff filing to add a new charge of \$2.00 for a one-way fare per bicycle effective May 1, 2007. The Division filed a memo recommending approval of the tariff as filed. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the proposed bicycle fee and finds that pursuant to R.I.G.L. 39-3-12, no notice and hearing is necessary on the basis that it is a purely discretionary service that does not serve as a lifeline to an isolated population. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 2:08 P.M.