

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held March 19, 2014**

**Attendees:** Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Amy D'Alessandro, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault and Luly Massaro. Staff Patricia Lucarelli was not present.

**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 February 27, 2014** – Chairperson Curran moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers Dockets**

The following companies filed revisions to their existing tariffs (on date). The Division reviewed the tariff revisions and recommended that they be allowed to go into effect without suspension:

- 3059 – Broadview Networks, Inc. (tariff filing 3/7/14)
- 2535 – Cox Rhode Island Telcom (tariff filing 2/28/14)
- 2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filings 2/28/14)
- 2736 – Conversent Communications of RI (tariff filing 2/28/14)
- 2878 – Choice One Communications of RI (tariff filings 2/28/24)
- 3036 – CTC Communications Corp. (tariff filing 2/28/14)
- 3008 – EarthLink Business LLC (tariff filing 2/28/14)
- 2262(G1) – Business Telecom, Inc. (tariff filing 2/28/14)
- 2262(D5) – DeltaCom, LLC (tariff filing 2/12/14)

After review, the PUC followed the Division's recommendation to allow the tariff filings to go into effect without suspension.

3582 – Lightyear Network Solutions (Company) – The Company ceased operations and filed a request to cancel their authority as a telecommunications supplier. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to cancel the authority of the company. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**Verizon Rhode Island Tariff Filing Dockets**

Verizon submitted tariffs revisions to its existing tariffs. The Division reviewed the tariffs and recommended that they be allowed to into effect without suspension:

- 4488 – Verizon Rhode Island's February 27, 2014 tariff filing to increase the monthly rate of the combination service of Phonesmart® Service \*69 and Busy Redial from \$7.50 to \$8.50 per month.
- 4489 – Verizon Rhode Island's February 27, 2014 tariff filing to remove tariff reference to magnetic tape media because there are no customers still using magnetic tape.

After review, the PUC followed the Division's recommendation to allow the tariff filings to go into effect without suspension.

**4288 – Distributed Generation Standard Contract Board (DG Board)** – The PUC reviewed and discussed the record relating to the DG Board's Report and Recommendation Regarding Classes, Ceiling and Targets for the 2014 Distributed Generation Standard Contract. After review, the following motions were made:

- Intervenor WED advocated higher ceiling prices for wind technology and asserted that the DG Board's proposed ceiling prices were not cost-effective. The PUC expressed concern with ceiling prices for wind being 18% higher than last year's ceiling prices and agreed that ceiling prices should not be higher than that proposed by the DG Board. Competition will drive the industry to become cost-effective. Commissioner DeSimone moved to accept the ceiling prices for wind technology as proposed by the DG Board. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- The PUC noted that in recent enrollments, solar prices bids come in lower than the recommended ceiling prices. This suggests that ceiling prices should be lowered and that competition could drive prices to drop. With that reservation, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the DG Board's recommended ceiling prices, targets and classes. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4277 – National Grid** – The PUC reviewed the record relating to National Grid's proposed revisions to the Enrollment Applications and Enrollment Process Rules for use in the 2014 Distributed Generation (DG) Standard Contracts Program. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve National Grid's DG Enrollment Application and Process Rules as revised and corrected. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.