

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held March 27, 2008**

**Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Commissioner Mary Bray, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Thomas Massaro, Alan Nault and Donna Conway.**

**Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 2:00 PM. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.**

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers**

The following company filed an application for authority to operate as a telecommunications service provider. The Division has reviewed the application and recommends approval of:

2262(C21) – Applewood Communications Corp.

Commissioner Holbrook moved to accept the Division's recommendation and Commissioner Bray seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

The following companies submitted tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff revisions and recommends that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension:

2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filings 2/27 & 3/4/08)

3059 – Broadview Networks, Inc. (tariff filing 2/27/08)

3647 – XO Communications Services (tariff filing 3/3/08)

3688 – Eureka Telecom, Inc. (tariff filing 3/6/08)

3686 – BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. (tariff filing 3/3/08)

2535 – Cox RI Telcom LLC (tariff filing 3/6/08)

2262(M15) – BridgeCom International, Inc. (tariff filing 2/26/08)

2262(W19) – ATX Licensing, Inc. (tariff filing 2/26/08)

2262(P7) – Verizon Business Services (tariff filing 2/29/08)

2262(E2) – Teleconnect Long Distance Services (tariff filing 2/29/08)

2262(O2) – NOS Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 2/28/08)

2262(Q2) – Affinity Network, Inc. (tariff filing 2/29/08)

2262(P2) – NOSVA Limited Partnership (tariff filing 2/29/08)

The Commission will follow the Division's recommendation.

The following company ceased operations and requested to have its authority to operate rescinded and cancelled:

2262(Q15) – TRICOM USA, Inc.

Commissioner Bray moved to rescind and cancel the company's authority to operate and Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

**Telecommunications Interconnection Agreements (ICAs)** – The following ICAs were submitted for review and approval. The Division has reviewed the ICAs and recommends approval of:

3927 – ICA between Verizon RI and MetroPCS Massachusetts, LLC

3932 – ICA between Verizon RI and Bandwidth.com CLEC, LLC

3933 – ICA between Verizon RI and Neutral Tandem-RI, LLC

Commissioner Holbrook moved to follow the Division's recommendation and Commissioner Bray seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

**3934 – Verizon Rhode Island** – Verizon filed on March 6, 2008 a tariff filing to introduce a One-Time Bill Credit in the amount of \$25.00 or \$50.00 to qualifying residential customers who meet certain criteria for effect April 5, 2008. The Division has reviewed the filing and recommends that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

Commissioner Bray moved to follow the Division's recommendation and Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

**3930 – Verizon Rhode Island** – Verizon filed on February 29, 2008 a tariff filing to implement a rate increase to the Enhanced FlexGrow Service option for effect April 1, 2008. The Division filed a memo indicating that it has reviewed Verizon's tariff filing and finds that it conforms to the requirements of Verizon's Successor Alternative Regulation Plan and Order No. 18550.

Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the tariff filing and Commissioner Bray seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

**3929 – Verizon Rhode Island** – Verizon filed on February 29, 2008 a tariff filing to implement a rate increase for selected Private Line and Data Services for effect April 1, 2008. The Division filed a memo indicating that it has reviewed Verizon's tariff filing and finds that it conforms to the requirements of Verizon's Successor Alternative Regulation Plan and Order No. 18550.

Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the tariff filing and Commissioner Bray seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

**3904 – National Grid (NGrid)** – Review of NGrid's interim tariff RIPUC No. 1078-A, Qualifying Facilities Power Purchase Rate and the compliance filing submitted on February 2, 2008; and review of NGrid's proposal to implement new Standards for Connecting Distributed Generation, RIPUC No. 2007 and the reply comments received by the parties.

Commissioner Bray moved to approve National Grid's tariff advice filing to implement new Standards for Connecting Distributed Generation as revised. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion. Vote 3-0

Commissioner Bray moved to approve National Grid's tariff advice filing to amend R.I.P.U.C. No. 1078-A as set forth in its compliance filing. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

The Commission reconsidered the request to allow for virtual net metering and it is denied.

Net metering credits shall carry forward for an additional year.

**3938 – Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC)** – NBC filed on February 28, 2008 a tariff advice to add Uniform Septage Disposal Fee to comply with legislative mandate RIGL 46-12.11-4 for effect April 1, 2008. The Division has reviewed the filing and finds the proposed tariff to be appropriate and recommends approval.

Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the tariff filing and Commissioner Bray seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

**3926 – New England Fast Ferry, LLC (NEFF)** – NEFF's submitted a tariff filing to amend the RIPTA-Sponsored ferry transportation seasonal rates between Providence and Newport for the 2008 Season. The Division has reviewed tariff revision and recommends approval.

Commissioner Holbrook moved to accept the Division's recommendation and Commissioner Bray seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

**3936 – Block Island Housing Board (BIHB)** – The BIHB filed a petition pursuant to RIGL 39-2-15.1 seeking approval for the temporary removal of utility lines to facilitate the moving of a house to be used as affordable housing for a period of not less than 15 years.

Commissioner Bray moved to approve the petition and Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M.