

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held March 28, 2005

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Steve Frias, Cindy Wilson, Douglas Hartley and Luly Massaro.

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission.

Verizon Rhode Island Petition for Waiver of Order No. 17417 Issued in Docket 3445: Chairman Germani noted that the petition relates to the Settlement approved in Docket 3445 and for purpose of administrative efficiency it will be treated separate and docketed 3445A. Based on the oral arguments presented, Chairman Germani moved to grant Verizon's petition. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.** The general consensus for granting the waiver is that the Commission has authority under procedural Rule 1.10, R.I.G.L. 39-1-1(c), and Paragraph L of the ARP included in the Settlement which provides that Verizon may petition for less structured form of regulation based on changes in market conditions. The Commission recognized that indeed Verizon's share of residential lines has decreased since the ARP was approved in 2003.

A transcript of the Commission's March 28, 2005 open meeting discussion relating to this docket is available at the office of the Commission Clerk.

The open meeting adjourned at 3:37 P.M.