

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held March 28, 2013**

**Attendees:** Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Amy D'Alessandro, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault, Dilip Shah and Nicholas Ucci. Commissioner Mary Bray, and staff Patricia Lucarelli and Luly Massaro were not present.

**Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 1:00 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, 2013:** After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers**

The following companies submitted tariff revision to their existing rates. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and recommends that they be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

- 2702 – Verizon Select Services, Inc. (tariff filing 3/15/13)
- 3611 – Trans National Communications International (tariff filing 3/15/13)
- 2262(J20) – Embarq Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 3/12/13)

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

2262(K2) – Digizip.com, Inc. (Company) – The Company ceased operations and requested that its authority to transact in RI be recalled and rescinded. Chairman Germani moved to rescind the authority of the Company. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**4399 – Verizon Rhode Island** – Verizon filed on March 6, 2013 a tariff filing to withdraw Operator Passthrough Service. The use of this service has significantly declined over time. After review, Commissioner Roberti moved to approve the tariff filing. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**4398 – Verizon Rhode Island** – Verizon filed on March 6, 2013 a tariff filing to withdraw the Operator Services Busy Line Verification and Busy Line Interrupt Services. The demand for these services has declined dramatically in recent years. After review, Commissioner Roberti moved to approve the tariff filing. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**4396 – Verizon Rhode Island** – Verizon filed an interconnection agreement (ICA) between Verizon New England, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Rhode Island and 365 Wireless, LLC. The Division recommended adoption of the ICA. After review, Commissioner Roberti

moved to approve the ICA. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**4315 – National Grid** – National Grid filed February 22, 2013 proposed Standard Offer Service (SOS) Rates for the Industrial Group for the period April 2013 - June 2013. This filing is made pursuant to Company's 2013 SOS Procurement Plan approved by the Commission in this docket. After review, Commissioner Roberti moved to approve the NGrid's SOS rates for the Industrial Group as filed. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

National Grid filed on March 26, 2013 compliance Tariff No. 2096. After review, Commissioner Roberti moved to approve the compliance tariff. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**4243 – Newport Water Division** - Newport Water filed on December 28, 2012 a Compliance Filing to implement the second phase of the Newport's multi-year rate increase authorized by this docket, in Order No. 20636. The Second Phase will provide Newport Water additional revenues of \$2,145,647 to meet debt service requirements. After review, Commissioner Roberti moved to approve the second phase of Newport Water's multi-year rate increase effective May 1, 2013. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**4404** –Pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 39-26-6(d), Commissioner Roberti moved to initiate this docket to determine the adequacy or potential adequacy, of renewable energy supplies to meet the increase in the percentage requirement of energy from renewable energy resources to go into effect in 2015. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**Motion to Amend Agenda to Discuss National Grid Docket No. 4397** - Commissioner Roberti moved to amend the open meeting agenda to discuss National Grid Docket No. 4397. Chairman Germani seconded the motion. Atty. D'Alessandro advised that National Grid agreed to voluntary suspension of its March 5, 2013 filing until the Commission renders a ruling in the matter.

The open meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.