

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held March 31, 2004

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Kate Racine, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Steve Frias, Cindy Wilson, 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.

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers

The following companies registered to operate in Rhode Island. The Division has reviewed the registrations and recommended approval of:

3598 - Spectrotel, Inc. (filed 3/26)

3597 - ACN Communications Services, Inc. (filed 3/23)

3596 - Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. (filed 3/22)

3595 - Broadband Communities of RI, Inc. (filed 3/1)

3594 - Optimum Global Communications, Inc. (filed 3/17)

2262(C19) - Inmate Calling Solutions, LLC (filed 3/11)

After review, Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to approve the registrations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The following companies submitted tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and does not recommend suspension of:

2472 - Sprint Communications (filed 3/15)

2618 - AT&T Communications of New England, Inc. (filed 03/12, 03/19 & 3/25)

2486 - MCI metro Access Transmission Service LLC (filed 03/11 & 03/17)

2621 - MCI WorldCom (filed 3/11)

2449 - Brooks Fiber Communication of RI, Inc. (filed 03/11 & 3/17)

3028 - Qwest Communications Corp. (filed 3/15)

3196 - Z-Tel Communications, Inc. (filed 3/18)

2262(C8) – CTC Communications Corp. (filed 3/9)

2262(L10) - Paetec Communications, Inc. (filed 3/24)

2262(F16) - Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. (filed 03/18)

2262(P8) - New Century Telecom, Inc. (filed 3/12)

2262(X13) - ACN Communication Services, Inc. (filed 3/15 & 3/23)

2262(A6) - Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. (filed 3/11)

2262(U) - Touch 1 Communications, Inc. (filed 3/19)

2262(P7) - MCI WorldCom (filed 3/11)

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

Verizon RI Interconnection Agreements (ICAs)

The following amendment to ICA was submitted for approval:

2546 - Amendment No. 1 to ICA entered between Verizon RI and RCN

Operating Services f/k/a C-TEC Services, Inc.: The Division has reviewed the amendment and recommends approval.

After reviewed, Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to approve the amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3591 – Verizon Rhode Island: Verizon submitted a tariff filing to introduce a new service offering called Asynchronous Transfer Mode Cell Relay Service (ATM-CRS), a high speed transport and switching service connectivity between and among customer designated locations, for effect April 1, 2004. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filing be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

3569 – Investigation Into the Feasibility of Using Credit as a Method of Paying Utility Bills:

Ms. Wilson summarized the particulars of the proposed rules and after revisions, Commissioner Racine moved accept the rules as amended for public notice and comments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** A notice of the proposed rulemaking will be published on April 1 with a hearing on April 21. Comments will be accepted until May 3.

There being no further business to discuss, the open meeting adjourned at 2:35 P.M.