
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held March 31, 2011

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

Chairman Germani 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 Meeting held March 17, 2011: After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers

The following company filed an application for authority to provide telecommunications service in Rhode Island. The Division has reviewed the application and recommends approval of:

2262(R21) – Telco Experts, LLC

After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the application. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The following companies filed revisions to their existing tariffs. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and recommends that they be allowed to go into effect without suspension:

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filing 3/9/11)

2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filings 3/9/11)

3059 – Broadview Networks, Inc. (tariff filing 3/10/11)

2262(P4) – Global Tel Link Corporation (tariff filing 3/9/11)

4231 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on March 2, 2011 a tariff filing to increase selected Private Line and Data Service. The Division has reviewed Verizon's tariff filing and recommends that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4149 – National Grid – National Grid submitted on February 23, 2011 proposed Standard Offer Service (SOS) rates for the Industrial Group for the period April 2011 through June 2011 and for the Residential Group and the Commercial Group for the period April 2011 through December 2011. The filing was made pursuant to the National Grid's SOS Procurement Plan for year 2011. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review of the Company's filing and finding that it is in compliance with Commission's order. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve National Grid's proposed SOS rates that results in a rate decrease of approximately 16%. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4226 – National Grid – There was no discussion of this docket because the Commission rendered a bench decision at the March 29, 2011 hearing.

Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB) – PWSB filed on March 17, 2011 a Motion for Relief from the Rules of Practice and Procedure Sections 2.6(a) and 2.6(b). Relief sought will allow PWSB to file a rate case, if it decides that it needs to do, so to file a rate case before April 30, 2011, utilize a June 30, 2010 test year and utilize a January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 rate year. PWSB represents that the Division has no objection to PWSB's motion. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve PWSB's Motion for Relief. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

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