

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held April 19, 2007**

**Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Commissioner Mary Bray, Steve Frias, 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.**

**Minutes of Open Meetings held on April 2, 2007 and April 13, 2007:** After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers**

The following companies submitted an application for authority to provide telecommunications service in RI. The Division reviewed the applications and recommended approval of:

3831 – Mobilitie, LLC

2262(V20) – Network Enhanced Technologies, Inc.

2262(U20) – First Choice Technology, Inc.

After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the applications. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The following companies submitted tariff revisions. The Division reviewed the tariff filings and recommended no suspension.

2472 – Sprint Communications (tariff filing 4/6/07)

2535 – Cox RI Telcom LLC (tariff filings 3/30 & 4/3/07)

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filings 3/26 & 3/30/07)

3686 – BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. (tariff filing 3/28/07)

2618 – AT&T Communications of NE, Inc. (tariff filing 3/26/07)

2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission (tariff filing 3/28/07)

3713 – Comtel Telcom Assets (tariff filing 3/28/07)

2262(X19) – DelTel, Inc. (tariff filing 3/27/07)

2262(P16) – Legacy Long Distance International (tariff filing 3/27/07)

2262(E19) – Network US, Inc. (tariff filing 3/26/07)

2262(F16) – Bell Atlantic Communications (tariff filings 3/22 & 3/30/07)

2272(G16) – NYNEX Long Distance Co. (tariff filing 3/22/07)

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

**2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC** (tariff filing of 3/23/07) – There was no discussion of this docket because MCImetro withdrew its tariff filing to introduce 811 Dialing Service.

**3829 – Verizon Rhode Island** – Verizon submitted a tariff filing to introduce Service Level Agreements with Service Response Credits for high speed data Transparent LAN Service Customers for effect April 29, 2007. After review, Commissioner Germani moved to follow the Division’s recommendation that the tariff filing be allowed to go into effect without suspension. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**Telecommunications Interconnection Agreements (ICAs)** – The following ICA Amendments executed between the parties were submitted for approval. The Division has reviewed the ICA Amendments and recommends approval of:

- 3257 – ICA Amendment No. 3 between Verizon RI and CTC Communications Corp.
- 3356 – ICA Amendment No. 2 between Verizon RI and Conversent Communications
- 3205 – ICA Amendment No. 5 between Verizon RI and Lightship Telecom, LLC
- 2908 – ICA Amendment No. 2 between Verizon RI and Choice One Communications
- 3552 – ICA Amendment No. 1 between Verizon RI and XO Communications Services
- 3544 – ICA Amendment No. 2 between Verizon RI and DIECA Communications d/b/a Covad Communications

After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the ICA amendments as submitted. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**Renewable Energy Resources Generation Units** – The following entities filed Renewable Energy Resource certification applications for approval:

- 3808 – Brookfield Energy Marketing, Inc. for its Generation Unit named Pontook Hydro
  - 3809 – Brookfield Energy Marketing, Inc. for its Generation Unit named Fife Brook
- After review, Chairman Germani moved to certify the Pontook Hydro and Fife Brook Generation Units as existing, Small Hydro Renewable Energy Resource. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**3766 – National Grid (NGrid)** – NGrid’s filed to update and implement a revise semi-annual Btu conversion factor of 1.019 for the six-month period starting May 1, 2007. The Division file a recommendation to approve the factor. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the filing. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**3832 – Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB)** – PWSB submitted an application seeking approval of new rates designed to generate additional revenues of \$9,688,321 or 19.07% for effect April 30, 2007. After review, Chairman Germani moved to suspend rates beyond the effective date of April 30 to conduct hearing and discovery on the application. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** Chairman Germani directed Staff that through discovery to PWSB, it sought what rate increases would result if various methods of rate design were utilized to increase conservation.

The open meeting adjourned at 2:18 P.M.