

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held April 29, 2016

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Amy D'Alessandro, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault, Todd Bianco and Luly Massaro.

Chairperson Curran 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 Meetings held on April 12, 2016 and March 30, 2016 – After review, the PUC unanimously accepted the minutes of the open meeting. **Vote 3-0.**

4611 – Kent County Water Authority – Kent County Water filed on April 7, 2016, new rates designed to collect additional revenues of \$3,296,334 or 16.71%. Kent County Water included a request to extend the test year in its rate filing by eight (8) days and to use fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 as the test year. After review, the PUC unanimously agreed to grant Kent County Water's request and to suspend the proposed rates beyond the effective date of May 9 for the purpose of conducting discovery and hearing into the rate filing. **Vote 3-0.**

4610 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid - National Grid filed on March 30, 2016, proposed Environmental Response Cost Tariff Provision for effect April 30. Chairperson Curran moved to suspend National Grid's proposed tariff because discovery is in progress. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3628 – National Grid - National Grid filed on January 8, 2016, a request for approval of Amended Service Quality Plan Agreement executed between the company and the Division. Specifically, the Agreement proposes to modify the Customer Contact performance standard to (1) replace the survey in the 2007 Service Quality Plan with a different survey consisting of two questions from National Grid's existing internal contactor survey; and (2) to update the historical performance benchmark period and related satisfaction targets used to evaluate the survey results, beginning with calendar year 2016. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing the modification to the Service Quality Plan and finds the amendment to be an improvement in the Service Quality Plan and supports approval effective for the calendar year 2016 (which to be filed May 1, 2017). Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the Amended Service Quality Plan Agreement as submitted. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4536C – National Grid - National Grid filed on April 7, 2016, a Process Change Request to its quarterly small-scale solar aggregation report. Specifically, the company requested to discontinue submitting the Renewable Energy Credit (REC) Assignment Form for each project owner. This request would alleviate the burden imposed on National Grid to redact customer's information in hundreds of REC Assignment Forms in

order to protect customer's privacy and would reduce the amount of paperwork to be filed. After consideration, the PUC unanimously agreed to continue the requirement that National Grid include the confidential version of the individual REC assignment forms in its quarterly small-scale solar aggregation report. To grant relief, the PUC discontinued the requirement that National Grid submit redacted version of all individual REC assignment forms. Instead, the Company shall include one redacted template version of the REC assignment form with the quarterly submissions. **Vote 3-0.**

4341 – Pascoag Utility District – Pascoag filed on March 23, 2016, a request to withdraw \$13,670.00 from the Storm Reserve Fund to cover for incremental storm costs incurred as a result of the February 5, 2016 winter storm. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and recommending approval of Pascoag's request. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to grant the request as submitted. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers Dockets

The following companies submitted an application for authority to transact as supplier of telecommunications service. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and recommending approval of:

- 4612 – Mobilitie Management, LLC
- 4613 – Rhode Island Telephone, Inc.

After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve the applications for authority as submitted. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The following company submitted a request to discontinue service in the state. The Division recommends that the authority be recalled and rescinded:

- 2262(Y21) – Spectrotel, Inc.

After review, Chairperson Curran moved to rescind the authority of Spectrol, Inc. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 10:20 A.M.