

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held May 10, 2007

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Commissioner Mary Bray, Steve Frias, Patricia Lucarelli, Alan Nault, Thomas Massaro, 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 Meeting held on April 19, 2007: 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 companies submitted an application for authority to provide telecommunications service in RI. The Division reviewed the applications and recommended approval of:

2262(W20) – United American Technologies, Inc.

2262(X20) – STi Prepaid, LLC

After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the applications. Commissioner Bray 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.

2618 – AT&T Communications of NE, Inc. (tariff filings 3/17/07)

3315 – T-NETIX Telecommunications Services (tariff filing 4/13/07)

2486 – Verizon Access Transmission Services (tariff filing 4/16/07)

3381 – DSCI Corporation (tariff filing 4/23/07)

2535 – Cox RI Telcom LLC (tariff filings 4/17/07)

2262(J20) – Embarq Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 4/13/07)

2262(P7) – Verizon Business Services (tariff filings 4/16/07)

2262(P10) – IDT America Corp. (tariff filing 4/17/07)

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

Telecommunications Interconnection Agreements (ICAs) – The Commission reviewed the following ICA Amendments executed between the parties. The Division filed a recommendation indicating that it had reviewed the ICA Amendments and recommended approval of:

3833 - ICA and Amendment No. 1 between Verizon RI and CloseCall America, Inc.

3462 – ICA Amendment No. 1 between Verizon RI and Broadview NP Acquisition Corp.

3440 – ICA Amendment No. 1 between Verizon RI and Broadview Networks, Inc.

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

3834 - Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) – The Commission reviewed NBC’s tariff advice to add under its Terms & Conditions, an Abatement Terms & Methodology section explaining NBC’s method for calculating sewer fee abatements for customers who have abatement meters in place. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and recommending approval of the filing. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve NBC’s tariff advice. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3762 - Interstate Navigation Co. – The Commission reviewed the joint petition of Interstate and the Town of New Shoreham filed on April 17, 2006 seeking approval of to utilize the residency criteria set forth in the New Shoreham Code of Ordinance to determine eligibility for discounted residents’ fares. The Division filed a recommendation to approve the joint petition. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the joint petition and the revised Application for Issuance of a Block Island Ferry Islander Card which was subsequently filed on April 26. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Renewable Energy Resources Generation Units – The Commission reviewed the Renewable Energy Resource certification application submitted by the following entities:
3816 - Ridgewood Power Management LLC for its Generation Unit: Johnston Landfill Expansion Phase I
3817 - Ridgewood Power Management LLC for its Generation Unit: Johnston Landfill Expansion Phase II
After review, Chairman Germani moved to certify the Johnston Landfill Expansion Phase I and Phase II Generation Units as new, Eligible Biomass (landfill gas) Renewable Energy Resource. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3827 – Rules and Regulations Establishing Minimum Efficiency Standards for Certain New Products Sold in Rhode Island – The Commission reviewed and incorporated comments with minor typographical corrections to the rules. After review, Chairman Germani moved to adopt the revised rules effective June 1, 2007 and that the rules shall be filed with the Secretary of State. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3830 - National Grid (NGrid) – The Commission reviewed NGrid’s tariff advice to amend the Green-Up Service Terms and Conditions for the purpose of notifying that the Company will no longer provide for off-cycle switching for Green-Up Service and to amend Green-Up Service Agreement to notify that the Company will use the North American Energy Standards Board version 1.6 for the electronic transmission of these transaction. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and recommending approval of the changes to the GreenUp Service terms and conditions as requested by NGrid. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve NGrid’s tariff

advice. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3628 – National Grid – The Commission reviewed the March 14 agreement between NGrid and the Division seeking to modify the performance benchmarks in the Company's Service Quality Plan. The agreement reflects changes to the standards and measure reliability performance that are moving towards national industry standard level. The new benchmarks exclude poor performance results data from 2005 and are more stringent than the currently in effect. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the agreement as filed by the parties. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.