

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held May 15, 2008

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Commissioner Mary Bray, Patricia Lucarelli, Thomas Massaro, Alan Nault, Donna Conway and Luly Massaro.

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 2:00 PM. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Minutes of Open Meetings held on 4/30/08: After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0**

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers

The following companies submitted tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff revisions and recommends that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension:

3028 – Qwest Communications Corp. (tariff filing 4/17/08)

2702 – Verizon Select Services, Inc. (tariff filing 4/21/08)

3486 – IDT America Corp. (tariff filing 4/15/08)

2262(E2) – Teleconnect Long Distance Services (tariff filing 4/17/08)

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

3953 – Jamestown & Newport Ferry, LLC – The Commission reviewed the Jamestown & Newport Ferry's tariff filing to increase the seasonal rates for ferry transportation for the 2008 season for effect May 24, 2008. The company maintains that the rate increase is due to increased cost of insurance and fuel. The Division filed a memo indicating that it had reviewed the filing and recommends approval. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the seasonal rates for the 2008 season. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray. **Vote 2-0.** Commissioner Holbrook abstained and requested for information regarding the company's estimated fuel costs for the season.

3932 – Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB) – The PWSB filed a request to add two additional IFR engineering positions to work on its required lead service replacement program and that funding for these positions would be charged to the IFR program. The Division filed a reply indicating that it had reviewed the request and supports approval. Discussion of this docket was postponed pending further information to be requested by the Staff.

3818 – Newport Water Division – The Commission reviewed the Dept of Navy filed a Motion for Relief From Order seeking clarification of language used in the Order in connection with a directive to the City of Newport to file a Cost Allocation Manual (CAM) by May 1, 2008. The Commission also reviewed the Newport Water filed an objection and requested that the Navy's motion be denied and contemporaneously filed a

Petition for Relief From Order requesting the Order be revised to require Newport Water to file a CAM in its next rate filing if it continues to request rates to pay for services provided by the various department of the City of Newport.

After review, Chairman Germani moved to deny the Navy's Motion for Relief and noting that the PUC does not have jurisdiction over the City of Newport. The Chairman moved to grant Newport Water's Petition for Relief and further directing that Newport Water file a Cost Allocation Manual 30 days prior to the filing its next rate application.

Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Vote 3-0.

The open meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.