
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held May 18, 2011

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

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Minutes of Open Meetings held on May 5, 2011 and April 14, 2011 – Commissioner Bray moved to approve the minutes. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

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:

4241 – Cintex Wireless, LLC

After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the application. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

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:

3647 – XO Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filings 5/2/11)

2535 – Cox Telcom LLC (tariff filing 4/29/11)

2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission service LLC (tariff filing 4/29/11)

2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 4/29/11)

2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filings 4/29 & 5/2/11)

After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filing be allowed to go into effect.

4240 - Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on April 26, 2011 a tariff filing to implement a surcharge to recover the Gross Receipts Tax imposed on the company. The Division filed a letter recommending suspension to allow time for discovery. After review, Chairman Germani moved to suspend Verizon's tariff filing. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4246 - Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on May 5, 2011 a tariff filing to eliminate the minimum requirement of two lines for Digital Centrex Plus Service. The Division has reviewed Verizon's filing and recommends that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon's tariff filing. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4245 - Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on May 5, 2011 a tariff filing to modify the monthly discount associated with the Regional Essentials FiOS Bundle Discount II for new subscribers to the bundle. The Division has reviewed Verizon’s filing and recommends that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon’s tariff filing. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4244 - Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on May 5, 2011 a tariff filing proposal to increase rates for Digital Centrex Plus access and one-year terms business service. The Division has reviewed Verizon’s filing and recommends that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon’s tariff filing. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4224 – Cintex Wireless LLC – Cintex filed on February 2, 2011 a Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) for the limited purpose of offering lifeline and link-up services to qualified households. The Division submitted comments finding that Cintex has satisfied the compliance requirements with FCC Rules and Commission’s ETC Rules and had no objection to approval of the Petition. After review, Commissioner Bray moved grant Cintex’s Petition. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

3762 - Interstate Navigation Co. (Interstate) – The Commission reviewed the record relating to Interstate’s March 30, 2011 Motion to Extend Interstate’s Rate Plan for one year. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the parties’ Extension of Amended Settlement Agreement to extend the Rate Plan related to Interstate’s traditional ferry service for one year through December 31, 2012. The agreement was executed by Interstate Navigation, the Division of Public Utilities and the Town of New Shoreham. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4247 - Jamestown & Newport Ferry (Company) – The Company filed proposed ferry service fares for the 2011 Summer Season. The Division submitted a memorandum recommending approval of the fares, noting that the service is a discretionary service. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the Company’s proposed fares. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.