

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held May 29, 2009

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Mary Bray, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault and Nick Ucci. Staff member Luly Massaro was not present.

Chairman Germani 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.

Approval of May 14, 2009 Open Meeting Minutes: 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 companies filed tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and recommends that they be allowed to go into effect without suspension:

2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filing 5/13/09)

3741 – Paetec Communications (tariff filing 5/11/09)

2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission Services (tariff filing 5/12/09)

2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services (tariff filing 5/12/09)

2262(L3) – Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc. (tariff filing 5/13/09)

2262(F16) – Verizon Long Distance LLC (tariff filing 5/13/09)

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

2262(P9) – Comcast Business Communications, LLC – The Company ceased operations and requests that its authority to conduct business be cancelled. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to recall and rescind the authority to operate of the company. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

Telecommunications Interconnection Agreements (ICAs): The following ICAs were submitted by Verizon. The Division has reviewed the ICAs and recommends approval of:

3705 – ICA Amendment No. 2 executed between Verizon RI and Eureka Telecom, Inc.

3440 – ICA Amendment No. 3 executed between Verizon RI and Broadview Networks

3398 – ICA Amendment No. 1 executed between Verizon RI and A.R.C. Networks, Inc.

3462 – ICA Amendment No. 2 executed between Verizon RI and Broadview NP Acquisition

After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve ICA amendments as filed.

Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4058 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on May 1, 2009 a tariff filing to implement rate increase to residential services. The Division filed a memo summarizing their review and did not recommend suspension of the tariff filing. Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon’s tariff filing. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4059 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on May 8, 2009 a tariff filing to implement changes to the Regional Essentials and Regional Value Service Packages. The Division filed a memorandum recommending that the tariff be allowed to go into effect without suspension. Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon’s tariff filing. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4061 – Providence Water Supply Board (“PWSB”) – PWSB filed a rate application seeking to implement new rates designed to generate additional revenues of \$5,569,425 or 9.79%. Commissioner Bray moved to suspend PWSB’s rate application for six months beyond the proposed effective date of May 30, 2009 for the purpose of conducting investigation and hearing. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

3943 – National Grid Gas (“NGrid”) – The Division of Public Utilities filed a Motion for Clarification of Order No. 19563 on the issues of NGrid’s Size of Rate Base and proposal to make appropriate adjustment to rate base and modify the Accelerated Replacement Plan mechanism. Discussion of this docket was postponed pending further review of recently filed data response by NGrid.

4056 – National Grid Gas –NGrid filed to eliminate Non-Firm Sales Service and to update the current Transportation Service Agreements with new address and contact information. Commissioner Bray moved to suspend NGrid’s tariff filing beyond the proposed effective date of June 1, 2009 pending further review. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.** The Commission requested that TEC-RI response to NGrid’s letter of May 28, 2009.

The open meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.