

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held June 13, 2013

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Mary Bray, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault and Luly Massaro. Staff Amy D'Alessandro, Dilip Shah and Nicholas Ucci were 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.

Minutes of Open Meeting held on May 31, 2013 & June 6, 2013 – Chairman Germani moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers

The following companies submitted tariff revisions to their existing rates. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and recommended that they be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

- 3107 – Lightship Telecom, LLC (tariff filing 5/31/13)
- 2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filing 5/31/13)
- 2878 – Choice One Communications of RI (tariff filing 5/31/13)\
- 3059 – Broadview Networks, Inc. (tariff filing 5/31/13)
- 3844 – Neutral Tandem-Rhode Island LLC (tariff filing 5/31/13)
- 3442 – BullsEye Telecom, Inc. (tariff filing 5/31/13)
- 2628 – Level 3 Communications, LLC (tariff filing 5/31/13)
- 3807 – Matrix Telecom, Inc. (tariff filing 5/31/13)
- 3597 – ACN Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filing 5/31/13)
- 3486 – IDT America Corp. (tariff filing 5/31/13)
- 4407 – TNCI Operating Co. LLC (tariff filing 5/31/13)

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

Renewable Energy Resources Eligibility Applications – The following applications have been pending for more than two years without approval based on an outstanding request from the Commission/its consultant for more information. The applicant has been contacted and in some instances, ownership has changed hands. Where that has occurred, the current owner has been contacted and advised to file a new Application. Therefore, the Commission may reject each of the following applications for lack of compliance with the RES application process. However, such a determination does not address the merits of the application nor does it preclude the applicant or the subsequent project owner from submitting a new Renewable Energy Resource application. The applications are:

- 4045 - Green Mountain Power Corporation's application for certification of the Vergennes Hydroelectric Project Generation Unit. Application filed March 10, 2009.

- 3995 - Golden Pond Hydro LLC's application for certification of the Golden Pond Hydro LLC Generation Unit. Application filed October 22, 2008.
- 3862 – Conservation Services Group's application for certification of the Swans Falls Waste Vegetable Oil Generation Unit. Application filed March 17, 2007.
- 3849 - Ridgewood Power Management LLC's application for certification of Indeck West Enfield Generation Unit. Application filed June 8, 2007.
- 3842 - Energy Consumers Alliance of New England's application for certification of the Mass Energy Aggregate PV Generation Unit. Application filed May 21, 2007.
- 3781 - Southern New Hampshire Hydroelectric Development Corporation's application for certification of the Swan Falls Generation Unit. Application filed October 27, 2006.

After review, Chairman Germani moved to reject the applications. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4370 – Swanton Village Electric Dept. (Company) – The Company filed an application for certification for the Highgate Falls Unit #5 Generation Unit, a 0.572 MW Small Hydro energy Generation Unit located in Highgate, VT, as an eligible Renewable Energy Resource. Commission's Consultant submitted a review and recommendation to approve the application. After review Commissioner Bray moved to approve the application. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4417 – Kent County Water Authority (KCWA) – KCWA filed on June 4, 2013 a Motion to Pass Through the wholesale rate increase sought by the Providence Water Supply Board in Docket 4406. Chairman Germani moved to suspend KCWA's proposed rates pending a decision in Docket No. 4406. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4364 – Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) – The Commission reviewed the outstanding issues remaining in the docket regarding NBC's October 5, 2012 rate application to collect additional revenues. The Commission deliberated and ruled as follows:

- Chairman Germani supported and moved to approve an Operating Revenue Allowance (ORA) of 1.5% to NBC. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion. Commissioner Bray supported an ORA of 1%. Commissioner Bray opposed the motion. **Vote 2-1.**
- Chairman Germani approved the continuation of NBC's debt service compliance filing mechanism for an additional five year period (FY 2014-2018). Both Commissioner Bray and Commissioner Roberti supported approval. The Commission unanimously approved the continuation of NBC's debt service compliance filing mechanism as requested. **Vote 3-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.