

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held June 16, 2005**

**Attendees:** Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Steve Frias, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Thomas Massaro, Alan Nault, 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.**

**Minutes of Open Meetings held May 31, 2005:** After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers**

The following companies filed an application for authority to operate as a telecommunications service provider in RI. The Division has reviewed the registrations and recommends approval of:

2262(A20) – 800 Response Information Services LLC

2262(Z19) – Network Service Billing, Inc.

After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the registrations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

The following companies submitted tariff filings. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and does not recommend suspension of:

3582 – Lightyear Network Solutions LLC (filing 5/19/05)

2472 – Sprint Communications (filings 6/1/05)

2736 – Conversent Communications of RI (filing 5/27/05)

2618 – AT&T Communications of NE, Inc. (filings 5/19, 5/23 & 5/26/05)

2621 – MCI WorldCom (filing 6/2/05)

2262(P7) MCI WorldCom (filing 6/2/05)

2262(G16) – NYNEX Long Distance (filing 5/19/05)

2262(F16) – Bell Atlantic Communications (filing 5/19/05)

2262(O2) – NOS Communications Inc. (filing 5/31/05)

2262(P2) – NOSVA Limited Partnership (filing 5/31/05)

2262(C8) – CTC Communications Corp. (filing 5/31/05)

2262(O) – VarTec Telecom (filing 6/3/05)

2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance LLC (filings 5/23, 5/31 & 6/2/05)

2262(X17) – Yak Communications (filing 6/1/05)

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

**3363 – Verizon Rhode Island:** – The Commission reviewed Verizon's tariff filing to update the Unbundled TC Reciprocal Compensation Charge calculated to reflect the average rate minute paid to CLECs by Verizon over the previous three-month period for effect July 1, 2005. After review, the Commission followed the Division's

recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

**3195 - Verizon Rhode Island:** Verizon filed revised metrics to the Carrier-to-Carrier Guidelines filed on June 2, 2005. The Division filed a memorandum recommending adoption of the metrics. After review, Chairman moved to approve Verizon's filing submitted on June 2, 2005. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**3256 – Verizon Rhode Island:** Verizon filed revised Performance Assurance Plan filed on May 2, 2005. The Division filed a memorandum recommending adoption of Verizon's filing submitted on May 2, 2005. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**3679 - Narragansett Electric Co.:** In this docket, the Commission approved a component of Narragansett's tariff advice filing to amend RIPUC No. 1124 Terms and Conditions for Nonregulated Power Producers to permit electronic exchange between Company and Suppliers in order for supplier to obtain historical usage information using Electronic Data Interchange transaction process. At this time, the Commission considered the remaining issue relative to Narragansett's tariff advice proposal to add a provision to release non-residential customer information to suppliers. The Division has reviewed and filed a memorandum supporting the additional provision proposed by the Company. The Division recommends that Narragansett notify customers thru bill inserts for two consecutive months, of Narragansett's proposal to release customer information to NPPs and the opportunity for the customer to opt-out. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve Narragansett's proposal to add a provision to release non-residential customer information to suppliers, incorporate the Division's recommendation and that Narragansett Electric send thru bill inserts, annual notification to customers of the provision and opportunity to opt-out. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**3578 – Newport Water Division (NWD):** On June 2, 2005, NWD filed a Petition for Miscellaneous Relief to be allowed to make its second installment loan payment of \$500,000 to the City of Newport. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review of NWD's June 2 petition and requested the opportunity to respond to the recent supplement to the Motion for Relief filed by NWD. After a review of the instant filings, Commissioner Holbrook moved to allow NWD to make a partial repayment to the City of Newport in the amount of \$182,045. The motion was seconded by Chairman Germani and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.** The remaining balance, NWD's pleadings on the motion and replies will be further discussed at the next open meeting.

**3626 – Woonsocket Water Division (WWD):** The Commission discussed WWD's June 6, 2005 Motion to Reopen Proceeding for the limited purpose of considering quarterly billing impact on WWD's on rates. As a result of quarterly billing impact, WWD maintained that it would generate additional revenues of \$233,315. After review, Chairman Germani moved to allow WWD to retain \$77,885 (from the revenues generated from quarterly billing) and to increase the restricted IFR account by \$155,430. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M.