

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held June 16, 2011

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

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Minutes of Open Meetings held on May 18, 2011 and June 7, 2011 – Commissioner Bray moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

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:
4249 – YourTel America, Inc.

After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the application. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

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:

3028 – Qwest Communications of Delaware (tariff filings 5/18 & 6/3/11)

2535 – Cox RI Telcom (tariff filing 5/20/11)

2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filings 5/27/11)

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filing 5/27/11)

2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission Services (tariff filing 5/27/11)

2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filing 5/27/11)

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

4251 – National Grid (NGrid) – NGrid filed on May 24, 2011, to amend gas R.I.P.U.C. NG-Gas No. 101 to add Section 3.1, Billing Termination ("Soft-Off") to its Terms and Conditions to reflect the inclusion of the Company's current Soft-Off policy. The Division recommended suspension for the purpose of conducting discovery. After review, Chairman Germani moved to suspend NGrid's proposed tariff. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4252 – National Grid – NGrid filed on May 24, 2011, to amend electric R.I.P.U.C. No. 2072 to add Section 33, Billing Termination ("Soft-Off") to its Terms and Conditions to reflect the inclusion of the Company's current Soft-Off policy. The Division recommended suspension for the purpose of conducting discovery. After review, Chairman Germani moved to suspend

NGrid's proposed tariff. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4025A – Newport Water Division – Newport Water filed on April 18, 2011 a Miscellaneous Petition for Relief from Order 19940 and sought approval to withdraw \$122,032 from its restricted Operating Revenue Allowance account. The Division filed a letter summarizing its review and indicating that it does not oppose Newport Water's Petition. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to grant Newport Water's Petition. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4255 – United Water Rhode Island – United Water filed on June 3, 2011 an application seeking approval of new rates designed to generate additional operating revenues in the amount of \$1,218,702. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to suspend United Water's proposed tariffs for the purpose of conducting discovery and hearing into the rate application. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4254 – Aquidneck Ferry & Charter, Inc. – Discussion of this docket was postponed.

The open meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M.