
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held June 17, 2010

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

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers

The following companies filed an application for authority to provide telecommunications service in Rhode Island. The Division has reviewed the application and recommends approval of:

4178 - TDS Long Distance Corp.

2262(Q21) - Business Discount Plan, Inc.

After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the applications. 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:

3686 – BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. (tariff filing 5/28/10)

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filing 5/26/10)

2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission (tariff filing 5/18/10)

2262((P7) – MCI Communication Services, Inc. (tariff filing 5/18/10)

2262(U20) – First Choice Technology, Inc. (tariff filing 6/4/10)

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

Telecommunications Interconnection Agreements (ICAs) – The following ICAs were submitted for approval. The Division has reviewed the ICAs and recommends approval:

4176 – ICA between Verizon RI and Knology Provider Solutions Group, Inc.

4177 – ICA between Verizon RI and LifeConnex Telecom, LLC

Commissioner Bray moved to approve the ICAs. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4180 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on June 1, 2010 a tariff filing to withdraw post-paid calling card service plan. The Division submitted a memorandum recommending that the filing be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, Commissioner Bray move to approve Verizon's tariff. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4180 - Verizon Rhode Island - Verizon filed on June 1, 2010 a tariff filing to change Business Link Rewards Plan by limiting the Bonus Credits earned on a subscriber's qualifying billed revenue in any given month to 10,000 Bonus Credits, regardless of the subscriber's total monthly billing. The Division submitted a memorandum recommending that the filing be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, Commissioner Bray move to approve Verizon's tariff. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3692 – Verizon Rhode Island - Verizon filed on March 19, 2010 a petition seeking relief from the Service Quality (SQ) Reporting requirement mandated under the Alternative Regulation Plan. The Division filed a position summarizing the evolution of the SQ requirement and its position indicating no objection to Verizon's petition. After review, Commissioner Bray move to approve Verizon's petition as filed. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

2379(I12) - Goldstar Energy Group, Inc. – Goldstar filed an application for authority to operate as Gas Marketer. The Division has reviewed the application and recommends approval. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Goldstar Energy's application. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3569 - Pascoag Utility District – Discussion of this docket was postponed until next open meeting schedule June 29.

4150 - National Grid – The Commission reviewed the record regarding NGrid's March 1, 2010 proposed Request for Proposal to be used to solicit proposals from renewable energy developers in accordance with the R.I.G.L. § 39-26.1-3 and Regulations. The Commission ruled on the following outstanding issues:

- Commissioner Bray moved to approve a Long Term Contracting Procurement Plan that includes the ability of National Grid to enter into REC-only contracts. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- Commissioner Bray moved that National Grid require behind-the-meter bidders to provide usage data and that National Grid include net metering credits in the overall economic analysis of the bids. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- Commissioner Bray noted that National Grid has met its full requirement of 22.5 MW and agreed that National Grid, as required by RIGL 39-26.1-3, can to enter into commercially reasonable solar contracts in 2010 for at least 750 kW despite having entered into a contract with a non-solar renewable developer for approximately 32 MW or approximately 30% of the total minimum long term contract capacity. Chairman Germani noted that the language in the statute is ambiguous and agreed with National Grid's interpretation. Chairman Germani seconded the motion. Commissioner Roberti supported that breaking down the 750 kW per year will provide for a more competitive

procurement process and bring diversity of resources. Commissioner Roberti dissented. **Vote 2-1.**

- Decision to measure solar projects only against other solar projects when evaluating whether or not contracts are commercially reasonable was postponed until actual bids are submitted. Commissioner Bray moved to defer decision. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- Commissioner Roberti moved that the minimum size of solar projects eligible under the RFP be set at 250kW. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- Commissioner Bray moved to approve National Grid's Long Term Contracting Procurement Plan filed on March 1, 2010 with modifications filed on May 28, 2010 and June 10, 2010 in accordance with the above findings. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4128 – Newport Water Division – The Commission considered the parties' June 8, 2010 Settlement Agreement reaching an agreement on Newport Water's November 2, 2009 rate application. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the Settlement Agreement. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4160 - Access to Public Records Regulations – After review of the record, Commissioner Bray moved to approve new regulations with edits relating to the disclosure identifying information in the Sample Request Form. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.