

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held June 21, 2012**

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

**Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.**

**Local and Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers**

The following companies submitted tariff filings to implement the FCC's Order Step 1 Transitional Intrastate Switched Access effective July 1, 2012. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and recommends that they be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

- 4332 – Verizon Rhode Island (tariff filing 6/1/12)
- 2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC (tariff filing 6/1 & 6/13/12)
- 3059 – Broadview Networks, Inc. (tariff filings 6/1 & 6/13/12)
- 2472 – Sprint Communications Co. L.P. (tariff filing 6/13/12)
- 3807 – Matrix Telecom, Inc. (tariff filing 6/13/12)
- 3381 – DSCI Corp. (tariff filing 6/13/12)
- 4117 – IntelePeer, Inc. (tariff filing 6/1/12)
- 3010 – RNK Telecom (tariff filings 6/1/12)
- 2628 – Level 3 Communications, LLC (tariff filing 6/1/12)
- 3036 – CTC Communications Corp. (tariff filing 6/1/12)
- 3107 – Lightship Telecom, LLC (tariff filing 6/1/12)
- 2878 – Choice One Communications (tariff filing 6/1/12)
- 3597 – ACN Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filing 6/1/12)
- 3442 – BullsEye Telecom, Inc. (tariff filing 6/1/12)
- 3735 – Ymax Communications Corp. (tariff filing 6/1/12)
- 2736 – Conversent Communications of RI (tariff filing 6/1/12)
- 2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filing 6/1/12)
- 2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filing 6/1/12)
- 2262(I20) – Windstream Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 6/1/12)
- 2262(P10) – IDT America (tariff filing 6/4/12)

It was noted that some of these tariff filings are filed with less than 30-day notice. The FCC mandated that the tariff be effective July 1, 2012. Therefore, Commissioner Bray moved that good cause exists to allow the change in rates to go into effect in less than 30-day notice. The Commission will follow the Division's recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The following companies submitted tariff filings to implement the FCC's Order reforming the Lifeline and Link-Up programs. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and recommends that they be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

- 2535 – Cox RI Telecom (tariff filing 6/1/12)
- 4278 – True Wireless, LLC (tariff filing 6/13/12)

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

The following companies submitted tariff filings to revise other existing rates. 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 5/30/12)
- 3315 – Securus Technologies, Inc. (tariff filing 5/30/12)
- 3597 – ACN Communication Services, Inc. (tariff filing 5/30/12)
- 2262(L4) – Globalcom Inc. (tariff filing 6/1/12)
- 2262(J20) – Embarq Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 6/1/12)

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

**4333 – National Grid Gas** – National Grid filed on May 31, 2012 a tariff advice to revise the On-System Margin Credits Tariff Provisions of the Distribution Adjustment Clause (DAC) relating to dual fuel customers. Commissioner Bray moved to suspend the proposed tariff. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

#### **Renewable Energy Resources Eligibility**

The following Renewable Energy Resources eligibility applications were submitted:

- 4322 – Record Hill Wind, LLC – After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Record Hill Wind's application for certification of the Record Hill Wind, a 50.6 MW wind farm located in Roxbury, Maine, as an eligible New Wind Renewable Energy Resource generation unit. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- 4324 – Berkshire Wind Power Cooperative Corp. - After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Berkshire Wind Power's application for certification of its Berkshire Wind Power Project, a 15 MW wind farm located in Lanesborough, MA, as an eligible New Wind Renewable Energy Resource generation unit. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4337 – Rules and Regulations Governing the Certification and Verification Procedures for Telecommunications Carriers Eligible to Receive Payments From the Federal Universal Service Fund.** Commissioner Bray moved to initiate a rulemaking proceeding to proposed new Rules and Regulations Governing the Certification and Verification Procedures for Telecommunications Carriers Eligible to Receive Payments From the Federal Universal Service Fund, and to solicit comments on the rules. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M.