

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held June 30, 2009

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Mary Bray, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault, Nick Ucci 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. A quorum was present.

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:

2262(K21) – Velocity The Greatest Phone Co. Ever, Inc.

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

The following companies filed tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and recommends that they be allowed to go into effect without suspension:

2535 – Cox Rhode Island Telcom LLC (tariff filings 6/15 & 6/19/09)

3059 – Broadview Networks, Inc. (tariff filing 6/17/09)

2472 – Sprint Communications (tariff filing 6/17/09)

3442 – BullsEye Telecom, Inc. (tariff filing 6/17/09)

2486 – Verizon Access Transmission Services (tariff filing 6/16/09)

2262(P7) – Verizon Business Services, Inc. (tariff filing 6/16/09)

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

2262(I19) – 1-800-RECONEX, Inc. – The company ceased operations and requests that its authority to conduct business be cancelled. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to rescind the authority to operate of the company. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4066 - Nextmarine LLC – Nextmarine, RIPTA sponsored ferry transportation, filed on June 8, 2009 a tariff filing to amend the seasonal ferry service between Newport and Providence. The Company also requested for expedited consideration pursuant to RIGL 39-3-12 to waive public notice and hearing based on the fact that the services provided do not constitute "lifeline" ferry services to an isolated ratepayer population. The Division filed a recommendation to approve the tariff filing. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the company's filing as requested. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4068 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on June 19, 2009 a tariff filing proposing increases to Integrated Digital Network (ISDN) Basic Service. The Division filed a memo indicating that it has reviewed the tariff filing and recommends that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon’s filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4067 – Kent County Water Authority (KCWA) – KCWA filed on June 16, 2009 a Motion to Pass Through Wholesale Rate Increase sought by the Providence Water Supply Board in Docket 4061. Commissioner Bray moved to suspend the tariffs. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4065 - National Grid (NGrid) – The Commission reviewed and took action on the following: 1) NGrid filed on June 1, 2009 an application to implement new rates designed to collect additional revenue requirements for effect July 1. The following motions were made after discussion:

1) Suspension of proposed rates - Commissioner Bray moved to suspend the proposed rates for six months beyond the proposed effective date of July 1, 2009. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

2) Division’s Motion to Amend Schedule - The Division sought additional time to file testimony and extend the review process. The Division represented that National Grid would agreed to waive the statutory suspension period and extend the review process for an additional two months beyond December 31, 2009. National Grid filed a response to the Division’s motion indicating that it had no objection to the motion with the understanding that National Grid would be allowed to recapture the revenues that it would have earned had the rate increase taken effect January 1, 2010 through a proposed recovery mechanism. Chairman Germani moved to grant the Division’s request in part and amended the procedural schedule to allow the Division until September 15, 2009 to file direct testimony, fourteen working days within which to file surrebuttal testimony and thirty days within which to file its post hearing brief. Commissioner Bray concurred and moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion. **Vote 3-0.**

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