

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held June 30, 2014

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Amy D'Alessandro, Alan Nault, Todd Bianco and Luly Massaro. Staff Sharon Colby Camara was not present.

Chairperson Curran called the open meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers Dockets

The following companies filed tariff revision to their existing tariffs (on date). The Division reviewed the tariff filings and recommended that they be allowed to go into effect without suspension:

- 2535 – Cox Rhode Island Telcom LLC (tariff filing 6/23/14)
- 2618 – AT&T Corporation (tariff filing 6/13/14)
- 4407 – TNCI Operating Co., LLC (tariff filing 6/4/14)
- 3028 – Qwest Communications Co. of Delaware, LLC (tariff filing 6/24/14)
- 2878 – Choice One Communications of RI, Inc. (tariff filings 6/17/14)
- 3381 – DSCI Corporation (tariff filing 6/11/14)
- 2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 6/12/14)
- 2262(J20) – Embarq Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 6/20/14)

After review, the PUC followed the Division's recommendation to allow the tariffs go into effect without suspension.

Gas Marketers

The following companies filed an application for authority to transact as a gas marketer. The Division reviewed the application and recommended approval of:

- 2379(F3) - Accenture LLP
- 2379(G3) – Energy Auction House, Inc.

After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the applications.

Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Vote 3-0.

4022 – Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB) – PWSB filed on June 16, 2014, its final annual report of the Water Protection Restricted Fund in compliance with the Order No. 19691. The report provides an accounting of the properties acquired, including parcel id, summary of the appraisals, final purchase price, and the closing date. PWSB anticipates a remaining fund balance of approximately \$56,000 and requested that it be permitted to transfer the remaining balance to the Water Quality Protection Fund. No objection was filed. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to grant PWSB's request to transfer the remaining funds as requested. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4503 - Consumer Protection Requirements for Nonregulated Power Producers – Ms. Wilson-Frias summarized the comments from the parties. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to accept the changes as delineated by Ms. Wilson-Frias and moved to adopt rules with amendments. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** The PUC adopted changes in response to comments submitted by the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, National Grid and Retail Energy Supply Association.

4412 - National Grid – National Grid filed on May 15, 2014 to change the Long-Term Contracting for Renewable Energy Recovery (LTCRER) Factor for the period July – December 2014. National Grid seeks to change the LTCRER factor from 0.032¢ per kWh to 0.039¢ per kWh to recover the total above-market cost of \$300,946. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and recommending approval of National Grid’s proposed LTCRER factor of 0.039¢. After review, Commissioner Roberti moved to accept the LTCRER factor as filed by National Grid. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4393 - National Grid –National Grid filed on May 27, 2014 (two separate) filings to implement changes to the Standard Offer Service (SOS) rates for the Residential Group and Commercial Group for the period July - December 2014; and changes to the SOS rates for the Industrial Group for period July – September 2014. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and finding that the filings are in compliance with PUC Order No. 21094 approving the Company’s 2014 SOS Procurement Plan. After review, Commissioner Roberti moved to accept the proposed rates as filed by National Grid and supported by the Division. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4490 - National Grid – National Grid filed on March 3, 2014 proposed 2015 Standard Offer Service (SOS) Procurement Plan and 2015 Renewable Energy Supply Procurement Plan. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and stating concern with the Company’s evaluation of single bids. Subsequently, on June 25, 2014, National Grid filed a summary of an agreement reached with the Division on the outstanding issue. After review, Commissioner Roberti moved to approve National Grid’s procurement plans with the additional modification set forth in the June 25 letter. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** The PUC expressed concern and is mindful with National Grid’s 10% for spot market purchases.

4505 - National Grid - National Grid filed on May 15, 2014 proposed Revenue Decoupling Mechanism (RDM) reconciliation and adjustment factor for effect July 1, 2014. National Grid proposes a RDM credit factor of (\$0.00001) per kWh. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and recommending approval of the proposed RDM credit factor. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the proposed RDM credit factor as submitted. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 1:45 P.M.