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**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

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**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held July 14, 2010**

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

**Chairman Germani 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**

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

4188 – TracFone Wireless, Inc.

4187 – Crexendo Business Solutions, 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:

4157 – tw telecom data services llc (tariff filing 6/28/10)

2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC (tariff filing 6/28/10)

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filing 6/25/10)

2262(Q10) – OPEX Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 6/25/10)

2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 6/29/10)

2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services (tariff filing 6/28/10)

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

**4186 – Verizon Rhode Island** – Review and rule on Verizon's June 18, 2010 tariff filing to extend the Bundle Discount for Regional Essentials to customers who subscribe to Verizon's Online Broadband Speed of Up to 1.5 Mbps. The Division has reviewed the filing and recommends that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filing be allowed to go into effect. **Vote 3-0.**

**4184 – Verizon Rhode Island** – The Commission reviewed Verizon's June 17, 2010 tariff filing to remove the grandfathering of the Single Line Business PAK for Business. The Division has reviewed the filing and recommends that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filing be allowed to go into effect. **Vote 3-0.**

**4182 - Verizon Rhode Island** – The Commission reviewed Verizon's June 15, 2010 tariff filing to grandfather the “Solutions for Business Bundle” service. The Division has reviewed the filing and recommends that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, the Commission followed the Division’s recommendation that the tariff filing be allowed to go into effect. **Vote 3-0.**

**4183 - Verizon Rhode Island** – Verizon filed an Interconnection Agreement (ICA) entered with Triarch Marketing, Inc. The Division has reviewed the ICA and recommends approval. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the ICA. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4153 – TracFone Wireless, Inc.** – The Commission reviewed the record regarding TracFone’s March 8, 2010 Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) in the State of Rhode Island for the limited purpose of offering Lifeline Service to qualified households. After review, the following motions were deliberated upon:

- Commissioner Bray moved to grant TracFone’s petition for ETC designation. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- Commissioner Bray moved to grant TracFone’s petition for waiver of the requirement of the Commission's ETC Rules to be exempted from the requirement that it participate in the federal LinkUp program. Commissioner Robert seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.