

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held July 24, 2003**

**Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Kate Racine, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Steve Frias, Cindy Wilson, Thomas Massaro and Luly Massaro.**

**Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.**

**Minutes of Open Meetings:** Chairman Germani asked for a motion to approve the draft Minutes of Open Meetings held June 23, 2003 and July 8, 2003. Commissioner Racine moved to approve the draft minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers:**

The following companies registered to operate in RI. The Division has reviewed the registrations and recommends approval of:

3537 - XO Long Distance Services, Inc.

2262(N18) - Motion Telecom, Inc.

Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to approve the registrations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The following companies submitted tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and does not recommend suspension of:

2621 - MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc.

2618 - AT&T Communications of New England, Inc.

3019 - OneStar Long Distance, Inc.

3196 - Z-Tel Communications, Inc.

3187 - Zone Telecom, Inc.

2472 - Sprint Communications (filings submitted on 06/30, 07/03 & 07/07)

2535 - Cox Rhode Island Telecom, LLC

3028 - Qwest Communications Corp.

2262(L10) - PaeTec Communications, Inc.

2262(A6) - Southwestern Bell Communications

2262(P1) - NOSVA Limited Partnership

2262(Q2) - Affinity Network, Inc.

2262(O2) - NOS Communications, Inc.

2262(P7) - MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. (filings submitted on 06/27 & 07/09)

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

**3532 – Verizon Rhode Island:** Verizon submitted a tariff filing to introduce the Business Link Rewards Plan for Verizon’s business customers, for effect August 1, 2003. After review, the Commission followed the Division’s recommendation that the tariff filing be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

**3536 – Verizon Rhode Island:** Verizon submitted a tariff filing to introduce a new service called Customer Moves and Changes. The proposed service will allow the customer to initiate changes to their Centrex line configuration for effect August 10, 2003. After review, the Commission followed the Division’s recommendation that the tariff filing be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

**Gas Marketers:**

The following gas marketers registered to operate in Rhode Island. The Division has reviewed the registrations and recommends approval of:

2379(R1) – Global Companies LLC

2379(S1) – AllEnergy Rhode Island Company LLC

After review, Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to approve the registrations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**3436 – New England Gas Co.:** Review of the Company’s July 11, 2003 filing incorporating changes to the Gas Procurement Plan in compliance with the Commission’s order issued May 1, 2003. The Division has reviewed the Company’s amended Gas Procurement Plan and finds that it reflects and complies with the Commission’s order. After review, Commissioner Racine moved to approve the amended Gas Procurement Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** Atty. Frias noted that upon approval of the amended plan, he expects the Company to withdraw its appeal from the Supreme Court relating to this issue.

**3400 – Examination of the Feasibility of Implementing a Debt Forgiveness Plan:** Consideration of the Joint Addendum of the Advocacy Groups and Block Island Power Company (BIPCO) requesting that BIPCO be exempt from the proposed plan entitled “Long-Term Arrearage Management Solutions for RI” plan. Chairman Germani recommended that the motion be granted with the understanding that exemption should not indicate the Commission’s approval of the plan. Commissioner Racine concurred with the Chairman and moved to grant the motion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**3485 – Utilities’ Petitions Pursuant to RIGL 39-1-30:** This relates to the Commission’s review of petitions filed by Providence Water Supply and New England Gas seeking that the Commission nullify regulation enforced by the City of Providence dealing with changes in street opening and restoration standards for newly paved roads of five years or less. Providence Water Supply Board filed a Motion to Consolidate Docket 3485 with Dockets 2624 & 2641. The regulation at issue raised in Docket 3485 deals

with similar street opening regulations dealt with in Dockets 2624 & 2641. After review, Commissioner Racine moved to approve the motion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

There being not further business to discuss, the open meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M.