

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held August 9, 2007

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner, Commissioner Mary Bray, Steve Frias, Patricia Lucarelli, Alan Nault and Douglas Hartley.

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

2618 – AT&T Communications of NE, Inc. (tariff filings 7/27 & 8/2/07)

2535 – Cox RI Telcom (tariff filings 7/26 & & 7/27/07)

3028 – Qwest Communications Corp. (tariff filing 7/20/07)

3741 – PaeTec Communications (tariff filing 7/30/07)

3691 – Navigator Telecommunications LLC (tariff filing 8/1/07)

2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission Services (tariff filing 7/27/07)

2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services (tariff filings 7/27/07)

2262(F16) – Verizon Long Distance (tariff filing 7/19/07)

2262(G16) – Verizon Enterprises Solutions (tariff filing 7/19/07)

2262(Z) – Intellicall Operator Services (tariff filing 8/2/07)

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

The following company ceased operations and requested that its authority to operate be rescinded:

3698 – Pac-West Telecomm, Inc.

After review, Commissioner Bray moved to rescind the authority of the company.

Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

3857 - One Communications – Discussion of this docket was postponed until next open meeting pending the company's response to Commission's data requests.

3854 – Verizon Rhode Island – The Commission reviewed Verizon's tariff filing to expand the availability of ISDN by eliminating the requirement to subscribe to a foreign central office service for effect August 18, 2007. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to follow the Division' recommendation that the tariff be allowed to go into effect without suspension. The motion was seconded by Chairman Germani and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

3855 – Verizon Rhode Island – The Commission reviewed Verizon's tariff filing to increase the Regional Value Package monthly recurring rate from \$22.04 to \$27.04 for effect August 18, 2007. The Division filed a memo indicating that it has reviewed

Verizon's tariff filing and found that it conforms to the requirements of Verizon's Successor Alternative Regulation Plan and Order No. 18550. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon's tariff filing as submitted. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

3195 – Verizon Rhode Island – The Commission reviewed Verizon's proposed modifications to the performance metrics in the RI Carrier-to-Carrier (C2C) Guidelines to reflect changes approved by the New York Public Service Commission by Order dated July 20, 2007. The consensus metric changes that were approved include modification to Metric OR-6 "Order Accuracy" and nine administrative changes described in the filing. The Division reviewed the filing and recommended adoption of Verizon's proposed changes to the C2C. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon's filing as submitted. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

3804 & 3806 – Affordable Energy Plan – The Commission reviewed National Grid's Motion for Relief from Order No. 18973 in connection with the Affordable Energy Plan and review of responsive pleadings submitted by the parties in the dockets. Block Island Power and Pascoag Utility District filed a response in support of NGrid's Motion for Relief and also requested relief from the Order. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the request for relief sought by the companies on the condition that other provisions of the plan remain in effect. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

3605 - National Grid (NGrid) – The Commission reviewed NGrid's Market Assessment for Last Resort Service (LRS) and NGrid's recommendation that the Company continues to procure power for LRS for period November 2007 through April 2008 under the LRS Acquisition Plan. The Division filed a recommendation that the Company's LRS procurement plan as described in the market assessment filing be approved. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve that NGrid continue to procure LRS power for residential and non-residential customers for the six-month period November 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008. **Vote 2-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M.