

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held August 21, 2008**

**Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Commissioner Mary Bray, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Thomas Massaro, Alan Nault and Luly Massaro.**

**Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 10:00 AM. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.**

**Approval of Open Meeting Minutes held on July 30, 2008:** Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers**

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

2816 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filings 8/1 & 8/6/08)

3059 – Broadview Networks, Inc. (tariff filings 7/29 & 8/4/08)

2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filing 8/1/08)

2262(J20) – Embarq Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 7/25/08)

2262(N6) – PNG Telecommunications, Inc. (tariff filing 8/1/08)

2262(Q7) – RRV Enterprises, Inc. (tariff filing 8/8/08)

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

**3832 – Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB)** – The Commission reviewed the record regarding the PWSB request to add two additional IFR engineering positions to work on its required lead service replacement program. Commissioner Bray expressed concern with increasing the level of employee positions from 263 to 265 outside of a full rate case. Commissioner Holbrook agreed and opined that PWSB could find ways to implement the cost savings absent Commission approval of its requests to add additional FTEs. Chairman Germani disagreed stating that this is micromanaging the utility.

Commissioner Bray moved to deny PWSB's request to add two additional IFR engineer positions. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion. Chairman Germani dissented. **Vote 2-1.**

**3100 – National Grid (NGrid)** – The Commission reviewed the record regarding NGrid's petition for approval to transition its appliance repair service, the "Service Connection Plan", in the former Providence Gas Co. service territory to its affiliate, National Grid Energy Services. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the petition. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion with an amendment that if a customer under this plan should require service, the customer should be able to call National Grid to request service and not the affiliate company. Commissioner Holbrook concurred and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.