

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held August 29, 2006

Attendees: Chairman Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Commissioner Mary Bray, Steve Frias, Alan Nault, Douglas Hartley and Luly Massaro.

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission.

Minutes of Open Meeting held on 8/15/06: After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers – The following company filed an application for authority to provide telecommunications service in RI. The Division has reviewed the application and recommends approval of:

2262(Q20) – Zeus Telecommunications, LLC

After review, Chairman Germani entertained a motion to approve the registration and Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the registration. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

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

2702 – Verizon Select Services (tariff filing 8/8/06)

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filing 8/9, 8/10 & 8/21/06)

2472 – Sprint Communications (tariff filings 8/9, 8/18/06)

3381 – DSCI Corp. (tariff filings 8/11/06)

3028 – Qwest Communications Corp. (tariff filing 8/15/06)

2486 – MCI metro Access Transmission service (tariff filings 8/16/06)

2621 – MCI Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filing 8/15/06)

2535 – Cox RI Telcom, LLC (tariff filing 8/1/06)

2262(J20) – Embarq Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 8/16/06)

2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filing 8/15/06)

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

Gas Marketers – The following companies submitted an application for authority to operate as a Gas Marketer in R.I. The Division has reviewed the applications and recommends approval of:

2379(Y1) – Global Montello Group Corp.

2379(Z1) – Constellation New Energy – Gas Division, LLC

After review, Chairman Germani entertained a motion to approve the applications and Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the applications. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3701 - National Grid – The Commission considered National Grid’s proposed changes to the Demand Side Management filing process. The changes included: 1) to move the filing date to submit its 2006 DSM filing from September 15 to November 30, 2006, 2) to allow for the continuation of the current DSM program in the event the Commission has not reviewed the 2007 DSM filing by year-end, and if a settlement is filed that it go into effect on January 1, 2007 subject to Commission review and decision, and 3) to prepare a true-up filing only when warranted by significant difference in the preceding year-end fund balance. After review, Chairman Germani entertained a motion to approve the filing process as follows: that 1) the 2007 DSM filing be filed on November 1, 2006, and 2) the continuation of the current DSM program will continue, however, in the event that a settlement is filed, the status quo will stay until the Commission approves the settlement. Commissioner Bray moved to approve the Chairman’s motion. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3716 – National Grid – The Commission reviewed National Grid’s March 1, 2006 filing providing updated data and proposal to increase the centerline foot costs (CLF) contained under the Company’s line extension policies, Policy 1 and Policy 2. The Commission also reviewed the Division’s recommendation to phase in the increase over three years. After consideration, the Commission agreed that such costs are associated with the construction of a home and it should be calculated into the building cost and recovered by the Company now. The Commission opined that the phase-in approach would extend the time period of incurring a loss by the Company. Chairman Germani entertained a motion to approve National Grid’s March 1 tariff filing and Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the filing. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3763 – Pascoag Utility District – The Commission reviewed Pascoag’s August 3, 2006 filing to change the Residential Service Rate to include language that would exclude any residential customer from installing a motor larger than 5 horsepower. The Division supported approval of the language, however recommended that it be incorporated in under the Terms and Conditions section of the Company’s tariff. After review, Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve Pascoag’s filing as recommended by the Division. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** The Commission further requested that Pascoag notify customers about the capacity limit of 5 horsepower on the residential service.

The open meeting adjourned at 2:18 P.M.