

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held September 14, 2006

Attendees: Chairman Elia 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 2:30 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission.

Minutes of Open Meeting held on 8/29/06: 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 companies submitted tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and does not recommend suspension of:

- 2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filing 8/21/06)
- 2618 – AT&T Communications (tariff filing 8/21, 8/28/06)
- 2472 – Sprint Communications (tariff filings 8/18, 8/31/06)
- 2535 – Cox RI Telcom, LLC (tariff filings 8/18 & 9/1/06)
- 2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission service (tariff filings 9/1/06)
- 2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance (tariff filing 8/24/06)
- 2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filing 9/1/06)
- 2262(Q2) – Affinity Network, Inc. (tariff filing 8/31/06)
- 2262(P2) – NOSVA Limited Partnership (tariff filing 8/31/06)
- 2262(Q2) – NOS Communications (tariff filing 8/31/06)

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

3767 – Verizon Rhode Island - Verizon submitted a tariff filing to introduce a 5-year term for Enhanced Flexgrow Service, introduce DID rate for customers with Enhanced FlexGrow and to reduce the nonrecurring rates associated with installation of a new Enhanced FlexGrow Service for effect October 1, 2006. The Division has reviewed the filing and does not recommend suspension. After review, Chairman Germani entertained a motion to approve and Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve Verizon's filing. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3768 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon submitted a tariff filing to reduce rates to the 2- and 3-year Term and Volume Package Plans for Integrated Service Digital Network - Primary Rate Interface for effect October 1, 2006. The Division has reviewed the filing and does not recommend suspension. After review, Chairman Germani entertained a motion to approve and Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon's filing.

Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB) – PWSB has been engaged in a system-wide Automated Meter Reading (AMR) installation program. To date, PWSB has completed 90.6% of Providence’s Water system conversion to AMRs. PWSB seeks to complete the entire project before end of 2007. The process requires PWSB to notify customers by letter requesting access for the AMR installation. In some areas, PWSB had to send a third notification that included clear language that PWSB may terminate service if the customer fails to provide timely access for the AMR installation. With the winter moratorium approaching, PWSB filed a request for a ruling that PWSB may continue to send AMR installation/termination notice year-round, including the moratorium period, and terminate customers who do not respond to PWSB's Automated Meter Reading installation letter on a timely basis.

Mr. Alan Nault noted that based on his discussion with PWSB, the termination of water service should not adversely impact a customer’s heating system. Further, if prior to shutoff, a customer informs PWSB that termination would adversely impact that customer’s heating system, the utility will not shutoff water service. Finally, if a customer who has had service terminated informs the utility that the heating system is being adversely impacted, that customer’s service would be restored as quickly as possible. After review, Commissioner Holbrook moved to grant PWSB’s request and that PWSB may continue to send AMR installation/termination notices and terminate customers who do not respond to PWSB's Automated Meter Reading installation letter on a timely basis.

Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 2:39 P.M.