

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held September 27, 2007

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

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Minutes of Open Meeting held on August 30, 2007 and September 11, 2007: After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Bray 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 operate as telecommunications service provider:

2262(A21) – Communications Lines, Inc.

After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the application. 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:

2262(P16) – Legacy Long Distance International (tariff filing 9/12/07)

2262(W10) – Cincinnati Bell Long Distance (tariff filing 9/7/07)

2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 9/7 & 9/18/07)

2262(P9) – Comcast Business Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 9/9/07)

2618 – AT&T Communications of NE, Inc. (tariff filing 9/10/07)

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

3867 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon submitted a tariff filing to introduce a 12-month discount to Regional Value customers who also subscribe to an unlimited long distance calling plan and Verizon Wireless ONE-BILL 200 for effect September 29, 2007. The Division reviewed the filing and recommended that it the filing go into effect without suspension. After review, Chairman Germani moved adopt the Division's recommendation. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3874 - Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon submitted a tariff filing to modify the Customer Redirect Service tariff for administrative purposes to clarify billing and standardize verbiage throughout the Verizon footprint for effect October 7, 2007. The Division has reviewed the filing and recommended that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, Chairman Germani moved adopt the Division's recommendation. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3875 - Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon submitted a tariff filing to introduce Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) PRI Plus for effect October 7, 2007. The Division has reviewed the filing and recommended that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, Chairman Germani moved adopt the Division’s recommendation. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3876 - Rules and Regulations Governing the Termination of Residential Electric, Gas and Water Service – Ms. Wilson-Frias, summarized that proposed amendments to the existing termination rules result primarily from two laws passed to protect customers with infants and provide payment options to very low income customers. The rules are also amended to 1) remove a provision that allows non-lawyers to represent customers at formal hearings, however, the customer can attend pro se, 2) remove a provision to offer more lenient payment plans, 3) remove a provision that allows the Commission to order immediate restoration of service and amend a provision that allows the Administrator of the Division to order restoration of service; and 5) delete reference to Dept. of Labor and Training ID card to prove temporary unemployment. After review, Chairman Germani moved to the Commission issue proposed amended termination rules. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3818 – City of Newport Water Division (NWD) – The Commission reviewed NWD’s compliance tariff filing and replies from the Division and Portsmouth Fire & Water District. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve NWD’s compliance filing as submitted and ordered that any excess revenues generated as a result of changing from tri-annual to quarterly billing be kept in a restricted account to fund a management study. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3776 - Pascoag Utility District – The Commission reviewed Pascoag’s request to reallocate \$15,892 of funds within the various programs in the 2007 Demand Side Management budget. The Division filed a memo summarizing the individual programs that are proposed to increase or decrease and recommended approval of Pascoag’s request. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve Pascoag’s request to reallocate DSM funds, and to allow Pascoag the flexibility to transfer unused residential funds at year end, to other residential programs to satisfy customer’s rebate requests. Any residential funds that Pascoag’s would like to use for non-residential projects for 2008 should be shown in their 2008 budget request as committed funds from 2007. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3565 – Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation (RIRRC) – The Commission reviewed the Settlement Agreement entered between RIRRC and National Grid. Chairman Germani reasoned that it appears that RIRRC would be acting as a public utility and therefore, moved to reject the Settlement. Commissioner Bray concurred and seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.