

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held September 28, 2015

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Amy D'Alessandro, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Alan Nault, Todd Bianco and Luly Massaro.

Chairperson Curran called the open meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Minutes of Open Meeting held on September 16, 2015 and September 22, 2015:

After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the minutes. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers Dockets

The following companies submitted revisions to their existing tariffs. The Division filed a recommendation to allow the tariff filings go into effect without suspension:

- 3597 – ACN Communication Services, Inc. (tariff filing 9/2/15)
- 3686 – BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. (tariff filing 9/4/15)
- 4210 – WiMacTel, Inc. (tariff filing 9/4/15)
- 2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 9/10/15)

After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to allow the tariffs go into effect without suspension. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4518 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid – National Grid filed on September 1, 2015, proposed Pension Adjustment Factor (PAF) and annual pension and other post-employment benefits (OPEB) reconciliation filing for effect October 1, 2015. Commissioner DeSimone moved to suspend the filing pending responses to outstanding data requests and further examination. Chairperson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

National Grid's Block Island Energy Efficiency Initiative Pilot Proposal – The PUC reviewed National Grid's September 11, 2015 letter regarding their participation in the Block Island Energy Efficiency Initiative Pilot Proposal. After deliberation, the PUC voted unanimously to approve National Grid's request. **Vote 2-0.** Approval is made without any findings of fact and is conditioned upon the Company's representation made in the September 11 letter to the PUC, including without limitation the following:

1. The Block Island Energy Efficiency Pilot is a 1 year pilot program.
2. OER will exclusively fund the pilot with \$500,000 of state RGGI auction proceeds.
3. National Grid customers will bear no cost associated with this pilot and/or services provided to Block Island residents and businesses.
4. National Grid will not earn an incentive on the pilot programs

Additionally, National Grid is required to submit a final report to the PUC at the conclusion of the pilot, providing the details of the pilot, including the following:

1. The total amount of expenditures made on the Pilot and the accounting of OER's reimbursements of those expenditures.
2. The total number of National Grid employee hours spent on the Pilot.
3. Whether National Grid ratepayers benefited from the Company's participation in the Pilot, and if so, provide specific examples.
4. A list of National Grid employees who worked on the pilot.
5. Copies of invoices submitted by National Grid to OER in reference to the pilot.
6. The number of residential and commercial customers who received EE audits.
7. The number and types of EE services provided to customers.
8. Copies of invoices from National Grid, RISE or other third party vendors.

The PUC reserves the right to request further information about the pilot, if it deems appropriate. If National Grid seeks to continue participation in the Block Island EE Pilot beyond 1 year, or to otherwise expand the program, it will file a formal request with the PUC, which will be docketed and subject to a hearing.

The open meeting adjourned at 1:28 P.M.