

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held September 30, 2009

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Mary Bray, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault, Nick Ucci and Luly Massaro. Staff Patricia Lucarelli was not present.

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Minutes of Open Meetings 9/2/09, 8/26/09, 8/6/09 & 7/24/09: Commissioner Bray moved to approve the minutes of the open meetings. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers

The following company filed an application for authority to operate as a Competitive Switchless Reseller. The Division has reviewed the application and recommends approval of:

2262(L21) – Public Communications Services, Inc.

After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the application. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

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

2535 – Cox RI Telecom LLC (tariff filings 9/2 & 9/4/09)

2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filings 8/31, 9/1 & 9/14/09)

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filing 8/31 & 9/14/09)

3059 – Broadview Networks, Inc. (tariff filing 9/1 & 9/18/09)

3713 – Comtel Telecom Assets LP (tariff filing 9/3/09)

2486 – MCI metro Access Transmission (tariff filing 9/1/09)

3374 – Elantic Telecom, Inc. (tariff filing 9/21/09)

3903 – Bandwith.com CLEC, LLC (tariff filing 9/23/09)

2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 9/21/09)

2262(Q2) – Affinity Network Inc. (tariff filing 9/14/09)

2262(P2) – NOSVA Limited Partnership (tariff filing 9/14/09)

2262(O2) – NOS Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 9/14/09)

2262(J20) – Embarq Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 9/18/09)

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

4100 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on September 11, 2009 a tariff filing to make changes to the Verizon Client Advantage Program (VCAP-R). The Division has reviewed the filing and recommends that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the filing.

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

4101 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on September 17, 2009 a filing to clarify the tariff language associated with customer deposits. The Division has reviewed the filing and recommends that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4102 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on September 17, 2009 a filing to change the tariff language associated with Service Establishment Charges for customers with term commitments for Centrex Plus and Centrex Plus with Assume Dial 9. The Division has reviewed the filing and recommends that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4025 - Newport Water Division (NWD) – NWD filed on September 2, 2009 a petition for relief from Order seeking an extension of time to file its Cost of Service Study from September 1 until November 1, 2009. Commissioner Bray moved to grant the petition. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3832-A - Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB) – PWSB filed on September 1, 2009 a request to draw funds from the restricted revenue reserve to the operating fund. The Commission unanimously agreed to defer discussion of this docket until a decision is rendered in Docket No. 4061 which is to be considered on October 5 open meeting. **Vote 3-0.**

4079 – National Grid (NGrid) – NGrid filed on August 19, 2009 a tariff advice to amend RIPUC No. 2010-A Qualifying Facilities Purchase Power Rate to comply with legislative mandate. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve NGrid's tariff advice. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4041 – National Grid – The Commission reviewed the record relating to NGrid's proposed 2010 Standard Offer Service (SOS) and Renewable Energy Supply (RES) Procurement Plans. After review, the Commission made the following rulings:

- (1) Commissioner Bray moved to approve NGrid's RES Procurement Plan. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- (2) Commissioner Bray moved to approve NGrid's SOS Procurement Plan as it relates to the Large Customer Group. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- (3) Commissioner Roberti moved that the remaining 5% SOS obligation for the period January 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010 be acquired from the spot

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

- (4) Commissioner Roberti moved that NGrid shall continue to procure through the Full Requirement Service (FRS) Contract the remaining 50% SOS obligation for the period October 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- (5) The Commission directed NGrid to file an assessment of the Company's comprehensive review of procurement strategies by January 15, 2010. The Commission agreed that an assessment would be useful in that it would provide in depth detail information of the Managed Portfolio Approach (MPA), empirical proof of savings of the MPA or FRS and an analysis of administrative cost of the MPA. The Division and Intervenor shall have an opportunity to comment as to what NGrid should include in its comprehensive review of procurement strategies. Comments are to be filed within 30 days from this open meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 A.M.