

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held September 30, 2014

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Amy D'Alessandro, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault, Todd Bianco and Luly Massaro.

Chairperson Curran called the open meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers Dockets

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

- 2426 – Teleport Communications America, LLC (tariff filing 9/19/14)
- 2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filing 9/19/14)
- 4249 – YourTel America, Inc. (tariff filing 9/15/14)
- 2262(O2) – NOS Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 9/15/14)
- 2262(P2) – NOSVA Limited Partnership (tariff filing 9/15/14)
- 2262(Q2) – Affinity Network Inc. (tariff filing 9/15/14)
- 2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filing 9/15/14)

After review, Commissioner Roberti moved to adopt the Division's recommendation. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Vote 3-0.

4382 - National Grid – National Grid filed on August 1, 2014 and September 25, 2014, reconciliation filing relating to the Company's FY 2014 Electric Infrastructure, Safety, and Reliability (ISR) Plan. The Company's proposed to implement revised CapEx Reconciling Factors and O&M Reconciling Factor effective October 1, 2014. The impact of the proposed reconciling factors on a typical residential customer receiving Standard Offer Service and using 500 kWh per month is a decrease of \$0.07 from \$86.65 to \$86.58. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and noting that the filing accurately portrays the actual revenue requirements associated with the 2014 electric ISR. After review, Commissioner Roberti moved to approve the ISR factors. Commissioner Curran seconded the motion. Commissioner DeSimone noted that police detail is 46% above budget. The Company's explanation was due to an increase in the number of towns requiring police details in where such police details were not previously required. He opined that there appears to be no justification for this increase. Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve, however, in absence of any record to support increased police detail expense, he deducted from revenue requirement the sum of \$243,900. **Vote 2-1.**

4523 – National Grid - National Grid filed on September 8, 2014 to implement changes to the Company's Gas Customer Choice Program Filing and request to approve changes to the Company's associated gas tariff, RIPUC NG-GAS No. 101 for effect November 1,

2014. Commissioner Roberti moved to suspend the tariff filing for further examination of the filing. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4436 - National Grid - National Grid filed on August 28, 2014, a request for a one-time additional hedge to the Gas Procurement Incentive Plan (GPIP) for the upcoming November 2014 to March 2015 winter season. The Division filed a memorandum presenting an assessment of the Company's market area hedging proposal and found the request to be reasonable. Commissioner Roberti noted that this request reflects that as a region there is a crisis mode and constraint on the capacity system. This represents a hedge against increased cost. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve the requested one-time additional hedge by National Grid. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4478 – Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) – NBC filed its Compliance Filing on September 26, 2014. The filing included a Cost of Service that was approved by the PUC at the September 19 open meeting, tariffs, and updated Settlement Agreement schedules that reflected adjustments for the fish tank maintenance and health care waivers. After review, Commissioner DeSimone noted that the filing comports with the PUC's open meeting decision and moved to approve the filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Renewable Energy Resources Eligibility Generation Units Dockets

The following renewable energy resources eligibility applications were submitted. PUC Consultant's Memorandum recommended approval of the applications with the conditional requirement that the Companies provide written documentation verifying Commercial Operation Date and Generation Units' NEPOOL-GIS Asset Identification Number:

- 4510 – Woonsocket Solar, LLC - Application seeking certification for the T.E.A.M. Inc. Solar Generation Unit, a 0.128 MW solar energy generation unit located in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource.
- 4519 – Steere Electric, LLC - Application seeking certification for the Steere Electric LLC Generation Unit, a 0.0918 MW solar energy generation unit located in Chepachet, Rhode Island, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource.

After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the applications with the conditional requirement recommended by the PUC Consultant. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.