
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held October 7, 2010

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Mary Bray, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Amy D'Alessandro, Alan Nault, Sharon Colby Camara, Ucci, Nick Ucci, Dilip Shah and Luly Massaro.

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Minutes of Open Meeting held September 21, 2010: Chairman Germani moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion to approve the minutes was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers

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:

- 2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filings 9/24/10)
- 3028 – Qwest Communications Co. of Delaware (tariff filing 9/21/10)
- 4191 – Global Crossing Local Services, Inc. (tariff filing 9/16/10)
- 2262(O2) – NOS Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 9/14/10)
- 2262(P2) – NOSVA Limited Partnership (tariff filing 9/14/10)
- 2262(Q2) – Affinity Network Inc. (tariff filing 9/14/10)
- 2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services Inc. (tariff filing 9/14/10)

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

3683 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed an amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (ICA) entered between Verizon RI and Trans National Communications International, Inc. The Division has reviewed the amendment and recommends adoption. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the amendment to the ICA. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4200 – National Grid – The Commission reviewed National Grid's September 3, 2010 tariff filing to amend the Terms and Conditions for Distribution Service to implement an optional service connection program offered to residential customers that would allow licensed electricians to make permanent overhead connections between the Company's service drop cable and the customer's service entrance cable. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve National Grid's tariff filing with the condition that National Grid affirmatively advise the customer that the customer can choose to hire their own electrician to make the service connection, but if the electrician charges a fee for the connection, the customer would be responsible for the fee. The Company should further advise the customer that if he/she elects to have National Grid's electrician perform the connection, there would be no additional cost to the

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

1725 – Rules & Regulation Governing the Termination Gas & Electric Utility Service – The Commission reviewed the General Assembly’s request that the Commission adopt emergency regulations to restore gas and electric service to protected low-income customers and responsive comments from National Grid, the Division and AARP. After review, Chairman Germani moved to make a finding that there exists an imminent peril to public’s health, safety and welfare because children and elderly people are at risk because of inadequate heat. Chairman Germani moved to adopt emergency regulations. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Commissioner Bray moved to adopt emergency regulation consistent with the payment plans adopted in October, 2009 effective for the period from October 7, 2010 and up to including December 1, 2010. The regulation will apply to down payments by qualifying customer or to customers who have a pledged commitment by an agency on or before December 1, 2010. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.