

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held October 11, 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 9:30 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Minutes of Open Meeting held on September 11, 2007: After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Holbrook 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 payphone service provider. The Division reviewed the registration and recommended approval of:

3879 – Jaroth, Inc. d/b/a Pacific Telemanagement Services

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 reviewed the tariff filings and does not recommend suspension of:

2618 – AT&T Communications of NE, Inc. (tariff filings 9/12, 9/24 & 9/28/07)

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filing (tariff filings 9/18 & 9/24/07)

2535 – Cox Rhode Island Telcom LLC (tariff filings 9/14 & 9/27/07)

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

The following company ceased operations and requested to have its authority to operate cancelled.

2262(G18) – Consolidated Communications Operator Services

After review, Chairman Germani moved to rescind and recall the authority of the company. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3891 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon submitted for approval Interconnection Agreement (ICA) entered between Verizon Rhode Island and Telrite Corporation. The Division reviewed the ICA and recommended approval. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the ICA as submitted. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3877 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon submitted a tariff filing to make several changes to the ISDN Primary Service for effect October 20, 2007. The Division reviewed the filing and recommended that it the filing be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, Chairman Germani moved to follow the Division's

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

3766 – National Grid (NGrid) – NGrid's filed to update and implement a revise semi-annual Btu conversion factor from 1.019 to 1.026 for the six-month period starting November 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008. The Division reviewed the filing and recommended approval. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve NGrid's revised semi-annual Btu conversion factor as proposed. Commissioner Holbrook 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 – The George Wiley Center filed a Request for Continuance of Public Comment Hearing from October 11 to November 12, 2007 and Written Comment Deadline from October 30 to November 30, 2007. After review, Chairman Germani moved to deny the Wiley's request for a continuance. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3887- SilentSherpa Energy Consulting and Professional Service, Inc. – The Commission reviewed SilentSherpa's Petition to Remedy the Non-firm Sales Service Rate of RIPUC Natural Gas No. 101 filed on September 11, 2007 and the response of NGrid to the petition. After review, Chairman Germani moved to deny SilentSherpa's petition. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** The Commission agreed that tariff could be re-examined in the context of National Grid's upcoming rate plan (anticipated to be filed not later than October 2008). National Grid should provide an alternate form of pricing for non-firm services in conjunction with the cost of service study that is to be filed with the rate plan.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M.