

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held October 27, 2009**

**Attendees:** Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Mary Bray, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault, Nick Ucci 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 Meetings held on October 21, 2009:** Commissioner Bray moved to approve the minutes with edits. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers**

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

2262(M21) – Pay Tel Communications, Inc.

2262(N21) – Comcast Phone of RI, LLC d/b/a Comcast Digital Phone

After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the application of the companies. 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 Telcom LLC (tariff filing 10/20/09)

2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filings 10/15 & 10/19/09)

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filing 10/15/09)

3381 – DSCI Corp. (tariff filing 10/14/09)

3597 – ACN Communications Services (tariff filing 10/14/09)

2262(P20) – First Communications, LLC (tariff filing 10/19/09)

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

2262(S4) – Qwest Communications Co., LLC – Qwest submitted a request to cancel its authority to operate as Competitive Switchless Reseller. Commissioner Bray moved to rescind the authority of Qwest Communications. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4097 – National Grid (NGrid)** – The Commission reviewed the record and deliberated on the following issues:

- 1) Commissioner Bray moved to approve a GCR factor of \$1.0801 per therm for Residential Heating, Small C&I, Medium C&I, Large LLF and Extra Large LLF

customers and a GCR factor of \$1.0338 per therm of For Residential Non-Heating, Large HLF and Extra Large HLF customers. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- 2) Commissioner Bray moved to approve a liquid natural gas vehicle commodity rate of \$ 0.9091 per therm. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- 3) Commissioner Bray moved to approve the following gas marketer transportation rates:
  - The pipeline path credits which are based on a weighted average upstream pipeline cost of \$0.0981 per therm of capacity.
  - The FT-2 firm transportation marketer gas charge of \$0.0337 per therm of throughput.
  - The pool balancing charge of \$0.0018 per % of balancing.

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

- 4) Commissioner Bray moved to approve to continue the incentive cap of \$1 million. The Company and the Division are encouraged to engage in further discussions about the GPIIP and the Gas Purchasing Plan to determine whether they are working in a manner that is in the best interests of the Company and ratepayers or whether modification is necessary. The Commission wants a written report as to what is found within 90 days. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- 5) Commissioner Bray moved that the tariff language proposed by the Company in GLB-7 and GLB-1R shall be approved with the modification that the word “exchange” be capitalized. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- 6) Commissioner Bray moved that the Company continue to use the three-year historical average to calculate the basis portion of the path costs and the composition of the costs used to determine the basis portion of the WACOG. The Commission strongly encourages the Company not to propose to change this methodology absent discussion with marketers of any proposed change to allow for concerns to be addressed and ramifications to be discussed. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- 7) Commissioner Bray moved to accept the Company’s change in methodology for determining forecasted design winter requirements from billing cycle design days to calendar month design degree days. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- 8) Commissioner Bray moved to approve a BTU factor of 1.028 BTU. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4077 – National Grid** – This docket was not discussed because the Commission issued a bench decision at the hearing.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M.