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**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

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**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held October 28, 2004**

**Attendees:** Commissioner Kate Racine, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Steve Frias, Cindy Wilson, Thomas Massaro, Alan Nault, Douglas Hartley and Luly Massaro. Chairman Germani was not present.

**Commissioner Racine called the open meeting to order at 2:00 PM in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.**

**Minutes of Open Meetings held on October 21, 2004:** Commissioner Racine moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers:**

The following company filed an application for authority to operate in RI. The Division has reviewed the application and recommends approval of:

2262(P19) – Nationwide Professional Teleservices LLC

After review, Commissioner Racine moved to approve the registration. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

The following companies submitted tariff filings. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and does not recommend suspension of:

2618 - AT&T Communications of NE, Inc. (tariffs filed 10/15, 10/21/04)

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariffs filed 10/15/04)

2472 – Sprint Communications (tariffs filed 10/15/04)

3036 – CTC Communications Corp. (tariffs filed 10/13/04)

2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission Service (tariffs filed 10/18/04)

2535 – Cox RI Telcom (tariff filed 10/7/04)

2262(D) – Operator Service Co. (tariffs filed 10/19/04)

2262(K5) – ALLTEL Communications (tariffs filed 10/15/04)

2262(F16) – Bell Atlantic Communications (tariffs filed 10/21/04)

2262(G16) – NYNEX Long Distance Co. (tariffs filed 10/21/04)

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

The following companies ceased operations in RI and request that their authority to operate be rescinded:

2262(I16) – TDI Communications, Inc.

2262(R8) – Fuehner-Fry, Inc.

Commissioner Racine moved to rescind the authority of the Companies. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**3637 – Verizon Rhode Island:** Verizon's submitted a tariff filing to increase retail

pricing for selected services in Pulsenet, Private Line, Superpath, Switchway, DovPath and Digipath services for effect November 1, 2004. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filing be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

**3638 – Verizon Rhode Island:** Verizon submitted a tariff filing to increase Call Waiting, Caller ID, Caller ID Deluxe and Call Waiting ID with Name services for effect November 1, 2004. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filing be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

**3641 – Verizon Rhode Island:** Verizon submitted a tariff filing to add CallMAX to their Centrex offering for effect November 7, 2004. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filing be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

**The following represents informational discussion shared between the Commission and its staff, on undocketed matters that does not required advance notice:**

- 1) Commissioner Racine informed that in accordance with Commission's directive, a collaborative meeting was held this morning to address low-income group concerns to deal with heating costs this winter. The meeting comprised of representatives from several community groups, the state's energy office, Narragansett Electric and the Division and Commission. No one from New England Gas attended this meeting. She urged that New England Gas be represented at these meetings in the event that the collaborative shall need certain data to be supplied by the company. She also informed that the Governor is holding a meeting on November 1 to address similar issues.
- 2) Commissioner Holbrook informed that on October 27, he, Doug Hartley and Thomas Massaro, and 38 other state commissions participated on a teleconference event sponsored by NRRI. The conference also provided visual slides on the Internet. The purpose of this conference was to assess the direction of natural gas, its costs, and projections for upcoming winter and long-term developments. The discussion included conservation and the promotion of energy efficiency. He supports the Commission continuing to be pro-active in the setting of prices, promoting energy efficiency and keeping consumers well informed on conservation matters.

The open meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M.