

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held October 31, 2006

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Commissioner Mary Bray, Steve Frias, Thomas Massaro, Alan Nault, Douglas Hartley 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.

Minutes of Open Meeting held on 10/23/06: After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion to approve the minutes. **Vote 2-0.** Chairman Germani abstained because he did not participate in the October 23 open meeting.

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers – The following companies submitted tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and does not recommend suspension of:

2535 – Cox RI Telcom LLC (tariff filing 10/6/06)

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filing 10/16 & 10/20/06)

2618 – AT&T Communications of NE, Inc. (tariff filings 10/16 & 10/20/06)

2472 – Sprint Communications (tariff filings 10/11 & /16/06)

3713 – Comtel Telcom Assets LP (tariff filing 10/17/06)

3028 – Qwest Communications Corp. (tariff filing 10/13/06)

3059 – Broadview Networks, Inc. (tariff filing 10/12/06)

3611 – Trans National Communications International, Inc. (tariff filing 10/12/06)

2262(L10) – PaeTec Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 10/20/06)

2262(N15) – Reduced Rate Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 10/20/06)

2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 10/17/06)

2262(L4) – TTI National, Inc. (10/17/06)

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

3772 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon submitted a tariff filing to increase certain price elements for Frame Relay Service for effect November 1, 2006. The Division filed a memo indicating that it has reviewed Verizon's tariff filing and finds that it conforms to the requirements of Verizon's Successor Alternative Regulation Plan and Order No. 18550. After review, Chairman Germani entertained a motion to approve Verizon's tariff filing and Commissioner Bray moved to approve the filing. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3773 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon submitted a tariff filing to reduce the local directory assistance monthly call allowance for residence customers from five calls to three calls for effect November 1, 2006. The Division filed a memo indicating that it has reviewed Verizon's tariff filing and finds that it conforms to the requirements of

Verizon's Successor Alternative Regulation Plan and Order No. 18550. After review, Chairman Germani entertained a motion to approve the tariff filing and Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the filing. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3766 – National Grid – The Commission reviewed National Grid's annual Gas Cost Recovery Charge (GCR) filing. The company initially proposed to reduce the GCR rates by 3.9%. After review of the record, Chairman Germani entertained a motion to approve revised GCR rates based on updated overcollection data and gas purchases provided by National Grid. The revised GCR reflects a 5.4% reduction in rates or an annual decrease of \$92 for a residential heating customer using 1,035 therms per year (annual bill decrease from \$1,701 to \$1,609). The revised GCR rates are approved effective November 1, 2006. Commissioner Bray moved to approve a 5.4% rate reduction to the CGR rates. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Chairman Germani also moved to approve National Grid's Motion for Protective Treatment of confidential information contained in Exhibit GLB-2 and GLB-12 of the GCR filing submitted on September 1, 2006. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3760 – National Grid – The Commission reviewed National Grid's annual Distribution Adjustment Charge (DAC) filing. The company proposed a DAC charge of \$0.0003 per therm effective November 1, 2006. The charge reflects a slight increase of \$0.0034 per therm from the currently effective DAC. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve a DAC charge \$0.0003 per therm as filed by the Company. With respect to the accuracy of the reported on-system margins credits, the Division shall continue its review and report its findings when completed. Any adjustment amount in the DAC resulting from the Division's review can be carried over to the next DAC filing.

The open meeting adjourned at 2:13 P.M.