

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held November 14, 2013**

**Attendees:** Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault, Dilip Shah and Luly Massaro. Staff Nicholas Ucci and Amy D'Alessandro were not present.

**Chairperson Curran 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.**

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers Dockets**

The following company filed an application for authority to transact as competitive telecommunications provider. The Division has reviewed the application and recommended approval of:

- 4455 – Voxbeam Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Magic Telecom (10/18/13)

After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the application.

Commissioner Robert seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

**Vote 3-0.**

The following companies submitted revisions to their existing tariffs. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and recommends that they be allowed to go into effect without suspension (Division's memos attached):

- 3028 - Qwest Communications Co. of Delaware, LLC (tariff filing 11/1/13)
- 2426 – Teleport Communications America LLC (tariff filing 10/31/13)
- 4157 - tw telecom data services llc (tariff filing 10/23/13)
- 2262(L21) – Public Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filing 10/23/13)
- 2262(P4) – Global Tel\*Link Corp. (tariff filing 10/23/13)

After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension. **Vote 3-0.**

**4448 – Verizon Rhode Island** – Verizon RI filed on October 17, 2013 a tariff filing to increase monthly rates for residential optional calling services. The Division filed a memorandum finding that the filing conforms to the PUC's requirement in Order No. 18550, Verizon's Successor Alternative Regulation Plan. After review, Commissioner Roberti moved to approve the filing. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4237-A – National Grid** – Atty. Cindy Wilson-Frias briefed the history of the docket that led to National Grid's submission of the August 29, 2013 Annual Contact Voltage (CV) Compliance Report. At this meeting, the PUC considered Power Survey's Motion to Intervene. Commissioner Roberti noted that prior to legislative mandate, National Grid did not have a CV program in place. He expressed concern with the infancy state and level of expertise in the contact voltage technology and opined that Power Survey could provide assistance and knowledge in the matter. Commissioner Roberti noted that he is amenable to revisiting the available technology. Commissioner DeSimone noted

that Power Survey had the opportunity to get involved in the prior proceeding but instead chose to limit their participation. Chairperson Curran suggested the PUC could allow providers to educate the PUC on technology outside of this docket. After discussion, Commissioner Roberti moved to deny Power Survey's motion to intervene. Commissioner Roberti requested that the PUC hold a hearing to allow public comment and determine whether to re-examine the CV technology. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4315 - National Grid** – National Grid filed on October 18, 2013 to increase the Standard Offer Service (SOS) rates for the Industrial Customer Group for period December 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014. The filing was submitted pursuant to the 2013 SOS Procurement Plan approved by the PUC in Order No. 20795 issued August 10, 2012. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and finding the filing in compliance with the PUC's Order No. 20795. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the proposed SOS rates as filed. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4405 - National Grid** – The PUC discussed National Grid's April 11, 2013 filing to modify the General Terms and Condition of its current gas tariff relating to the Discontinuation of Service. A decision will be rendered at next scheduled open meeting.

The open meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.