

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on October 5, 2018 @ 10:00 A.M.

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on October 5, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. in Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island to discuss, deliberate and/or vote on the following dockets.

Present: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Marion Gold, Commissioner Abigail Anthony, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Margaret Hogan, Todd Bianco, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault and Luly Massaro.

- I. Chairperson Curran called the Open Meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. A quorum was present.

- II. **Docket No. 4879 – City of Woonsocket Water Division** – Woonsocket Water submitted a proposal to implement a multi-year rate plan through a five step increase pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §39-15.1-4. The proposed rates are designed to collect additional operating revenues of the amount of \$799,205 or 9.73% in the first step effective October 11, 2018. Chairperson Curran moved to suspend the proposed rates for eight months beyond October 11 to conduct investigation and hearing on the proposal. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- III. **Docket No. 4800 – Suez Water Rhode Island (Company)** – The PUC deliberated on the September 17, 2018 Settlement Agreement executed by Suez Water Rhode Island and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers regarding the Company’s application to increase its rates. The Settlement Agreement will allow the Company to collect additional operating revenue in the amount of \$622,078 or 12.92%. After review, the following motions were taken:
 - Commissioner Anthony moved to approve the Settlement Agreement as filed with one modification to footnote 2 in the Settlement which should read “Base Spend” means the level of investment equal to the Company’s depreciation expense for utility plant Accounts 331 (Transmission & Distribution Mains), 333 (Services), 335 (Hydrants), and 334 (Meters) as reported in the Company’s most recent annual report to the Commission.”. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
 - Commissioner Anthony moved that in the next rate case by the Company, the miscellaneous expense in PUC 4-1 should be normalized out of the test year and therefore not included in the next rate year. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
 - Chairperson Curran moved that the Company submit an update on all main projects when it makes its annual Distribution System Improvement Charge (DISC) report. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- IV. **Docket No. 4850 – Jay Cardosi (Applicant)** – After review, Chairperson Curran moved to amend the Applicant’s eligibility as a New Renewable Energy Resource of the JJ CARDOSI, INC generation unit to reflect the correct Generation Unit’s NEPOOL-GIS Asset Identification Number. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- V. **Docket No. 4878 – Teliix, Inc. (Company)** – After review, Chairperson Curran moved to approve the Company’s application for registration to transact as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- VI. **Docket No. 4525 – Talk America Services, LLC (Company)** – Chairperson Curran moved to grant the Company’s request to cancel its authority to operate as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- VII. The Open Meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M. A web video of the Open Meeting discussion can be viewed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.