

State of Rhode Island

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on March 31, 2023

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission (Commission or PUC) was held Friday, March 31, 2023 at 12:00 P.M. in Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island to discuss, deliberate, and/or vote on the following dockets.

In attendance: Chairman Ronald Gerwatowski, Commissioner Abigail Anthony, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, John Harrington, Alan Nault, Emma Rodvien, and Christopher Caramello. Commissioner John Revens was not present.

- I. Chairman Gerwatowski called the Open Meeting to order at 2:30 A.M. A quorum was present.

- II. **Docket No. 23-09-TL – UcomTel LLC (Company)** – The Company submitted an application for registration to provide telecommunications service as a Non-CLEC Class VI, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Provider within the State of Rhode Island. The Company also requested protective treatment of confidential information included with the registration as Exhibit 2, financial statements. The Division has submitted a memorandum supporting approval of the application. After review, the following motions were considered:
 - Chairman Gerwatowski moved to approve the Company’s request for confidential treatment. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**
 - Chairman Gerwatowski moved to approve the application as submitted and as recommended by the Division. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

- III. **The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a Rhode Island Energy Dockets:**
 - Docket No. 22-52-EL** relating to the Company’s Electric Infrastructure, Safety and Reliability Plan FY 2024;
 - Docket No. 23-01-EL** relating to Last Resort Service rates for the Residential Group, Commercial Group and Industrial Group;
 - Docket No. 4978** relating to the Company’s proposal to recover the deferred customer charge;
 - Docket No. 23-03-EL** relating to the Company’s Annual Retail Rate Filing; and
 - Docket No. 22-43-EL** relating to the Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Procurement Plan for 2023 and RES Charge and Reconciliation Filing.
 - Docket No. 22-54-NG** relating to the Company’s Gas Infrastructure, Safety and Reliability (ISR) Plan for FY 2024.

The next votes related to a series of rate changes the PUC voted on earlier this week in several Rhode Island Energy dockets. Rhode Island Energy submitted compliance filings for electric and gas rates reflecting the PUC’s decisions made at the March 29,

2023 Open Meeting. The staff has reviewed the compliance filings. The Division communicated by email to confirm that it had reviewed the filings as well.

Chairman Gerwatowski moved to approve the compliance filing for electric rate changes submitted in Rhode Island Energy Docket Nos. 22-52-EL, 23-01-EL, 4978, 23-03-EL and 22-43-EL as referenced in the Company's March 30, 2023 compliance filing. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

Chairman Gerwatowski moved to approve Rhode Island Energy's Compliance filing as filed on March 30, 2023 in Docket No. 22-54-NG. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

- IV. There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman adjourned the Open Meeting at 12:06 P.M. A web video of the Open Meeting discussion can be accessed at <https://video.ibm.com/recorded/132684299>.