
State of Rhode Island

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on May 15, 2023

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission (Commission or PUC) was held Monday, May 15, 2023 at 2:30 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, Commissioner John Revens, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Alan Nault, Todd Bianco and Luly Massaro.

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

- II. **Approval of the Open Meeting Minutes held on February 24, 2023, March 13, 2023, March 31, 2023, April 14, 2023 and April 25, 2023** – The Chairman had completed his review the all the minutes, except the March 29 minutes which he will hold over until next Open Meeting. The Chairman had grammatical and typo edits to the March 13, March 31, April 14 and April 25 minutes which he will give to the Clerk. No edits to the February 24 minutes. He suggested approval of the February 24, March 31, April 14, and April 25 minutes subject to the edits made. Commissioner Anthony moved to approve the Open Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2023, March 31, 2023, April 14, 2023 and April 25, 2023, Commissioner Revens seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** Commissioner Anthony moved to amend the motion to include the Open Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2023. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

- III. **Docket No. 23-11-FR – Conanicut Marine Services, Inc. dba Jamestown & Newport Ferry Company** – The Company submitted proposed tariff filing for the 2023 season commencing May 17, 2023. The Division filed a Memorandum summarizing the filing, finding the proposed rate increase to be modest and recommending approval. Commissioner Anthony moved to approve the Company’s tariff. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** Commissioner Anthony noted that the Company provides a non-lifeline service, its discretionary and does not necessitate a hearing.

- IV. **Docket No. 23-08-FR - Blackstone Valley Tourism Council (Company) -** The Company submitted proposed tariff filing for the 2023 season commencing June 3, 2023. The Division filed a Memorandum summarizing the filing, indicating no objection to the proposed rates and recommending approval. Commissioner Anthony moved to approve the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council’s tariff filing. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** The service provided by the company is also discretionary.

- V. **Docket No. 23-12-TL – DISH Wireless LLC (Company)** – The Company submitted an application for approval to transact as a provider of telecommunications service, Certified Switchless Reseller (Class II). The Division filed a Memorandum summarizing its review and recommending approval. Commissioner Revens moved to approve the Company’s application. Commissioner Anthony seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- VI. **Docket No. 4455 – Voxbeam Telecommunications Inc. (Company)** – The Company submitted notification that it has no customers and is voluntarily relinquishing its authority to transact as a provider of telecommunications service in Rhode Island. Commissioner Anthony moved to cancel the Company’s registration to conduct business. Commissioner Revens seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- VII. There being no further discuss, the Chairman adjourned the Open Meeting adjourned at 2:37 P.M. A web video of the Open Meeting discussion can be accessed at <https://video.ibm.com/recorded/132781707>.