

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held January 8, 2003

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Brenda Gaynor, Steve Frias, Cindy Wilson, Thomas Massaro, Alan Nault, Douglas Hartley and Luly Massaro.

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers:

The following companies submitted registrations for authority to operate. The Division has reviewed the registrations and recommends approval of:

3486 - IDT America Corp.

2262(T17) - Business Network Long Distance, Inc.

2262(S17) - Enrix Telecom, Inc.

2262(R17) - Convergia, Inc.

2262(O17) – Full Channel TV, Inc.

After review, Commissioner Gaynor moved to approve the registrations. The motion was seconded by Chairman Germani and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

The following companies filed tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the filings and does not recommend suspension of:

2472 - Sprint Communications Co. LP (two filing submitted on 12/31)

2535 - Cox RI Telcom

2486 - MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC (filings submitted 12/20 & 12/27)

3019 - OneStar Long Distance, Inc.

2618 - AT&T Communications of NE, Inc.

2702 - Verizon Select Services, Inc. (filings submitted on 12/23 & 12/31)

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

The following companies ceased operations and requested that their authority to operate be rescinded:

2262(C16) - Lockheed Martin Global Telecommunications Services, Inc.

2262(H12) - Singer Communications LLC

2262(F10) - Telcorp, Ltd.

2262(O15) - Norcom, Inc.

2262(I14) - NewSouth Communications, Inc.

After review, Commissioner Gaynor moved to rescind the registrations of the companies. The motion was seconded by Chairman Germani and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

2262(E11) – Telecommunications Cooperative Network, Inc. (TCN): At the request of the TCN, the Commission rescinded TCN's authority to operate on October 24, 2002.

On December 27, TCN filed a letter clarifying that it was not the Company's intent to seek cancellation of its authority but instead notification to the state's public utilities commission (to comply with FCC mandate) that it will discontinue one of its existing long distance service offerings to presubscribed customers. Accordingly, the Company requested that the Commission reinstate TCN's authority to operate as a CSR in RI. After review, Commissioner Gaynor moved to reinstate the authority of TCN. The motion was seconded by Chairman Germani and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

Verizon RI Interconnection Agreements (ICA):

The following amendment to ICA was submitted for approval. The Division has reviewed the filing and recommended approval of:

2790 - Amendment to ICA entered with Omnipoint Communications MB Operations LLC and Omnipoint Communications DEF Operations LLC

After review, Commissioner Gaynor moved to approve the amendment to the ICA. The motion was seconded by Chairman Germani and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

3484 – Verizon Rhode Island: Verizon submitted a tariff filing to introduce the Subrate DS3 enhancement to the existing Frame Relay Service product portfolio for effect January 18, 2003. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filing be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

3478 – Verizon Rhode Island: This docket relates to a petition for review pursuant to RIGL 39-1-30 filed by Verizon. Verizon seeks that the Commission nullify, declare void and rule illegal an ordinance and/or regulation that is being enforced by the City of Providence. Narragansett Electric Company and Cox RI Telcom have filed motions to intervene. Verizon supports the motions to intervene. The City of Providence has objected to the motions. Commissioner Gaynor noted that the intervenors justified their reasons to intervene; the City, however, provided no basis for its objection. Commissioner Gaynor moved to grant both motions to intervene. The motion was seconded by Chairman Germani and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.