

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held January 15, 2009**

**Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Commissioner Mary Bray, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Alan Nault, Nick Ucci and Luly Massaro. Staff member Sharon Colby Camara was not present.**

**Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 2:00 PM. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.**

**Minutes of Open Meetings held on November 24, 2008 and December 10, 2008:**

After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers**

The following companies submitted tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff revisions and recommends that they be allowed to go into effect without suspension:

2535 – Cox RI Telcom, LLC (tariff filings 12/15 & 12/26/08)

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filings 12/16/08)

3028 – Qwest Communications Corp. (tariff filings 12/18/08)

3442 – BullsEye Telecom, Inc. (tariff filing 12/18/08)

2486 – Verizon Access Transmission Services (tariff filing 12/23/08)

2262(P7) – Verizon Business Services (tariff filing 12/23/08)

2262(G16) – NYNEX Long Distance Co. (tariff filing 12/18/08)

2262(F16) – Bell Atlantic Communications (tariff filing 12/18/08)

2262(E2) – Teleconnect Long Distance Services (tariff filing 12/23/08)

2262(O2) – NOS Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 12/15/08)

2262(Q2) – Affinity Network Inc. (tariff filing 12/15/08)

2262(P2) – NOSVA Limited Partnership (tariff filing 12/15/08)

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

The following companies filed a request to rescind their authority to operate:

2262(M17) – Mitel NetSolutions, Inc.

2262(W18) – Maskina Communications, Inc.

After review, Chairman Germani moved to rescind the authority of the companies.

Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4027 – Verizon Rhode Island** – The Commission reviewed Verizon's December 23, 2008 tariff filing to introduce a new feature for Directory Assistance Service. After review Chairman Germani entertained a motion to approve Verizon's tariff filing. Commissioner Bray moved to approve the filing. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4030 – Verizon Rhode Island** – The Commission reviewed Verizon’s January 2, 2009 tariff filing to increase rates to business customers. The Division filed a memo indicating that it has reviewed the filing and finds that it is in accordance with the Company’s Successor Alternative Regulation Plan and Order No. 18550. After review Chairman Germani entertained a motion to approve Verizon’s filing. Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the filing. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**3692 – Verizon Rhode Island** – The Commission reviewed the comments received by the parties on Verizon’s Successor Alternative Regulation Plan. After review, Chairman Germani moved to continue the ARP until further order of the Commission. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

### **Renewable Energy Resources Generation Units**

The Commission reviewed and took action on the applications for certification of the following Generation Units:

3997-A & 3997-B – WM Renewable Energy, LLC seeks certification for the High Acres I Generation Unit, a 3.2 MW biomass (landfill methane gas) energy facility. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the application for certification of the High Acres I Generation Unit as an eligible new and existing biomass Renewable Energy Resource. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3997-C – WM Renewable Energy, LLC seeks certification for the High Acres II Generation Unit, a 6.4 MW biomass (landfill methane gas) energy facility. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the application for certification of the High Acres II Generation Unit as an eligible new biomass Renewable Energy Resource. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4026 – Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC)** – NBC filed an application to implement new rates designed to generate additional revenues of \$8,990,368 or 12.89% to support a total operating revenue requirement in the amount \$78,751,850. Chairman Germani moved to suspend NBC’s proposed rates for six months beyond the effective date of January 22, 2009 to conduct investigation and hearing on the rate application. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M.