

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held February 1, 2012**

**Attendees:** Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Mary Bray, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Amy D'Alessandro, Alan Nault, Dilip Shah, Nicholas Ucci and Luly Massaro. Staff Patricia Lucarelli and Sharon Colby Camara were not present.

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

**Minutes of Open Meeting held on December 21, 2011 and January 12, 2012:** Commissioner Bray moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers:** The following companies filed revisions to their existing tariffs. The Division reviewed the tariff revisions and recommended that they be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filing 1/5 & 1/12/12)

2628 – Level 3 Communications LLC (tariff filing 1/18/12)

3597 – ACN Communications Services Inc. (tariff filing 1/17/12)

2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission Services (tariff filing 1/5/12)

3059 – Broadview Networks, Inc. (tariff filing 1/19/12)

2535 – Cox Rhode Island Telecom LLC (tariff filing 1/23/12)

2878 – Choice One Communications (tariff filing 1/3/12)

2736 – Conversent Communications (tariff filing 1/3/12)

3107 – Lightship Telecom (tariff filing 1/3/12)

3807 – Matrix Telecom, Inc. (tariff filing 1/10/12)

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filing 1/12/12)

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

**3719 – DSLnet Communications LLC** – The Company filed a request to surrender its authority to transact because it does not serve any intrastate customers in Rhode Island. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to rescind the authority of DSLnet Communications. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**3698 – Pac-West Telecomm, Inc.** – Pac-West Telecomm's authority to transact as a telecommunications supplier was rescinded for non-payment of annual assessment fee on December 15, 2011. On January 27, 2012, the Company filed a request for reinstatement of its authority and provided evidence that it has complied with all regulatory requirements including annual fee dues. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to reinstate the authority of Pac-West Telecomm. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4303 – Essex Hydro Associates LLC (Company)** – The Commission reviewed the Company’s application seeking certification of the Bath Electric Hydro Generation Unit as an eligible Existing, Small Hydro Renewable Energy Resource. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the application. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4286 – Vermont Wind LLC (Company)** – The Commission reviewed the Company’s application seeking certification of the Sheffield Wind Plant Generation Unit as an eligible New, Wind Renewable Energy Resource. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the application. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4251 – National Grid** – There was no discussion of the docket.

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**4309 – Woonsocket Water Division** – The Commission reviewed the record regarding Woonsocket Water’s December 30, 2011 Tariff Advice to Amend Fire Protection Charge and Certain Change to Customer Service Rates. After review, the following rulings were made:

1. Commissioner Bray moved to Woonsocket Water’s Fire Protection Charge effective February 1, 2012. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
2. Commissioner Bray moved that the Fire Protection Charge be listed as a separate charge on the bill. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
3. With respect to Woonsocket Water’ response to Commission’s record request #1, the Commission instructed the parties file comments regarding the appropriateness under ratemaking principles of netting the 25 weeks of hydrant fees owed to WWD against the City Service charges that would be paid by WWD to the City of Woonsocket in FY 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M.