

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held February 2, 2011

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

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 11:05 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers

The following companies filed revisions to their existing tariffs. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and recommends that they be allowed to go into effect without suspension:

2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filings 1/10/11)

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filing 1/10/11)

3429 – AmeriVision Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 1/7/11)

2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance LLC (tariff filings 1/6/11 & 1/20/11)

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 relinquish or cancel their authority to transact business in RI as telecommunication service provider:

2656 – Global Crossing Telemanagement, Inc.

2262(J) – Global Crossing North American Networks, Inc.

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

Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion to rescind was unanimously passed.

Vote 3-0.

4223 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on January 7, 2011 a tariff filing to introduce a new Ethernet Virtual Circuit system for high speed data service that uses a shared optical transport network for interconnection of Local Area Networks. The Division finds that the tariff filing is in accordance with Verizon's Successor Alternative Regulation Plan and Order No. 18550. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon's tariff filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4222 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on January 7, 2011 a tariff filing to make changes to "Solutions for Business Bundle" package for a wider market of business customers. The Division finds that the tariff filing is in accordance with Verizon's Successor Alternative Regulation Plan and Order No. 18550. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon's tariff filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3569 – Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) – NBC filed on January 11, 2011 a tariff advice to add a Credit Card Transaction Fee for customers who opt to pay their bills via credit card. The Division finds that the tariff filing is in compliance with the Commission’s rules governing the acceptance of credit cards by a utility and does not object to approval of the tariff. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve NBC’s tariff advice. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** While Commissioner Roberti concurred with the majority, he opined that it its time that an optional payment via credit card become available without a surcharge or fee as it would be benefit both the customer and the company.

The open meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.