

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held February 10, 2010**

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

**Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 9:30 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 Communications of NE, Inc. (tariff filings 1/22, 1/28 & 1/29/10)

3059 – Broadview Networks, Inc. (tariff filing 1/29/10)

2486 – MCI metro Access Transmission (tariff filing 1/29/10)

2535 – Cox RI Telcom (tariff filing 1/12/10)

3647 – XO Communications Services (tariff filing 1/12/10)

2262(K) – SNET America, Inc. (tariff filing 1/13/10)

2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 1/21/10)

2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filings 1/29/10)

2262(T4) – Enhanced Communications Group, LLC (tariff filing 1/28/10)

2262(N6) – PNG Telecommunications, Inc. (tariff filings 1/28/10)

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

**Telecommunications Interconnection Agreement (ICA)** – The following ICA Amendments were filed for approval. The Division has reviewed the ICA Amendments and recommends approval of:

3441 – ICA Amendment between Verizon Rhode Island and Granite Telecom, LLC.

3644 – ICA Amendment between Verizon Rhode Island and BCN Telecom, Inc.

After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the ICA amendments. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

**Vote 3-0.**

**4003 – Verizon Rhode Island** – Verizon filed on January 29, 2010 a tariff filing to reduce residential Directory Assistance monthly allowance from three (3) calls to two (2) calls per monthly billing period. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon's filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4141 – Verizon Rhode Island** – Verizon filed on January 15, 2010 a filing to proposed tariff language that clarifies the qualifying criteria for the Fixed-Price Bundle Discount associated with Regional Value service. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to

approve the filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4143 – Verizon Rhode Island** – Verizon filed on January 29, 2010 a tariff filing to expand the Voice Discount Associated with Regional Value and Regional Essentials. The Division has reviewed the filing and finds that the filing conforms to the Company’s Successor Alternative Regulation Plan and the Commission’s Report and Order No. 18550. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon’s filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4020 - Cox RI Telcom** – Cox submitted on January 28, 2010, Verification Letter and Reminder Letter to be used to verify customer’s continued eligibility in the Lifeline Telephone Assistance and Link-Up America Assistance Program. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Cox’s proposed letters to verify eligibility. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4061 - Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB)** – PWSB filed on January 29, 2010 a Motion to Reopen the proceeding to utilize calendar year 2009 consumption figures to establish revised tariffs. After review, Commissioner moved to grant PWSB’s motion to re-open the proceeding to examine PWSB’s filing. An evidentiary hearing is scheduled April 7, 2010. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4142 – Kent County Water Authority (KCWA)** – KCWA filed on January 29, 2010, a rate application seeking to increase operating revenues by an additional amount of \$1,460,031. Commissioner Bray moved to suspend the KCWA’s proposed rates to examine KCWA’s proposal. An evidentiary hearing is scheduled April 7, 2010. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**Renewable Energy Resource Generation Units**

Holyoke Gas & Electric Department (HG&E) filed applications seeking certification of the following Generation Units as eligible Small Hydro Renewable Energy Resource:

- 4119 - HG&E for the Hydro/Cabot 1-4 Generation Unit
- 4120 – HG&E for the Chemical Generation Unit
- 4121 – HG&E for the Riverside 8 Generation Unit
- 4122 – HG&E for the Valley Hydro (Station 5) Generation Unit
- 4123 – HG&E for the Skinner Generation Unit
- 4124 – HG&E for the Boatlock Generation Unit
- 4125 – HG&E for the Riverside 4-7 Generation Unit
- 4126 – HG&E for the Beebe Holbrook Generation Unit
- 4127 – HG&E for the Harris Energy Generation Unit

After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the applications and certify the Generation Units as existing, Renewable Energy Resource. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4115 – Save the Bay, Inc. filed an application seeking certification for the Bay Center 20 KW Solar Array Generation Unit as an eligible Solar Renewable Energy Resource. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the application and certify the Generation Unit as new, Renewable Energy Resource. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4140 – National Grid (NGrid)** – The Commission reviewed the record regarding NGrid’s rate changes proposed in its January 11, 2010 Annual Retail Rate Filing. The following motions were made:

- Commissioner Bray moved to approve a Standard Offer Service base rate of 9.281¢ per kWh for Small Customer. This excludes bad debt factor approved in Docket 4065, RES charge approved in Docket 4041 and Standard Offer Adjustment Factor (SOAF) approved herein. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- Commissioner Bray moved to approve a SOAF of 0.134¢ per kWh for Small Customer Group, and a SOAF of 0.144¢ per kWh for Large Customer Group. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- Commissioner Bray moved to approve a Transition Charge of 0.068 per kWh. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- Commissioner Bray moved to approve a Transmission Charge of 0.001 per kWh. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- Commissioner Bray moved to approve that NGrid collect the loss revenue associated with Clariant transfer to the rate G-32 through a surcharge of 0.003¢ per kWh from the G-62 and G-32 rate class. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**
- The Credit for Low Income Rate A-60 was approved in Docket 4065.

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

The open meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M.