

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held February 25, 2015**

**Attendees:** Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Alan Nault, Sharon Colby Camara, Todd Bianco and Luly Massaro.

**Chairperson Curran 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.**

**Minutes of Open Meeting held on December 23, 2014 and February 5, 2015:** After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the minutes. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers Dockets**

The following companies submitted revisions to their existing tariffs. The Division reviewed the tariff filings and recommended that they go into effect without suspension:

- 2878 – Choice One Communications of RI (tariff filing 2/13/15)
- 2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filing 2/6/15)
- 3008 – EarthLink Business LLC (tariff filing 2/6/15)
- 4504 – Light Tower Fiber Long Distance LLC (2/3/15)
- 2262(G1) – Business Telecom, Inc. (tariff filing 2/3/15)
- 2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filing 1/29/15)

After review, the PUC adopted the Division's recommendation. **Vote 2-0.**

**4550 – Pawtucket Water Supply Board (PWSB)** – PWSB filed on February 4, 2015 a Multi-Rate Plan Filing pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 39-15.1-4. In the first step of the rate plan, PWSB's seeks to implement new rates for effect March 6, 2015. The proposed rates are designed to generate additional operating revenue in the amount of \$2,288,131 to support total operating revenue requirements of \$20,577,182. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to suspend the proposed rates to conduct discovery and hearing into the proposal. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**4539 – National Grid** – WED Coventry One LLC, WED Coventry Two, LLC, WED Coventry Three LLC, WED Coventry Four LLC, WED Coventry Five LLC, and WED Coventry Six, LLC's (collectively, WED) filed a Motion to Intervene and Objection to National Grid's Electric Infrastructure, Safety and Reliability Plan for FY 2016 (ISR Plan). The Division and National Grid filed responsive pleadings.

After review of the record, the PUC found that WED's concerns are outside the scope of the ISR Plan proceeding in that WED attempts to use the ISR Plan to shift responsibility of interconnection costs from developers to the ratepayers. The PUC summarized Section 1.13(b) of the PUC Rules noting that WED Coventry 1) does not have a right to intervene conferred by statute, 2) the Division can address the concerns articulated by

WED and WED will not be bound by any action that the PUC may take, and 3) WED's participation cannot be said to be in the public interest. The PUC noted that WED can present comments in this matter. Commissioner DeSimone moved to deny WED's motion to intervene and strike WED's objection on the basis that the PUC's Rules does not provide for intervention. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

### **Renewable Energy Resources Eligibility Applications Dockets**

The following applications have been pending for more than four years without approval pending responses to information requests from the PUC/its consultant. The applicants have been contacted by email and by phone. The applicants have not responded. Therefore, the PUC may reject each of the following applications for lack of compliance with the Renewable Energy Standard application process. However, such a determination does not address the merits of the application nor does it preclude the applicant from submitting a new Renewable Energy Resource application. The applications may be considered for rejection without prejudice.

- 4014 – Industrial Power Services Corporation's application for certification of the Granby LFG Generation Unit. Application filed November 21, 2008.
- 4015 – Fortistar LLC's application for certification of the GRS-East Bridgewater Generation Unit. Application filed November 21, 2008.
- 4016 – Fortistar LLC's application for certification of the GRS-Fall River Generation Unit. Application filed November 25, 2008.
- 4017 – Fortistar LLC's application for certification of the GRS-Randolph Generation Unit. Application filed November 25, 2008.
- 4023 – MM Albany Energy, LLC's application for certification of the xx Generation Unit. Application filed December 12, 2008.

After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to dismiss the applications without prejudice. Chairperson Curran seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 A.M.