

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held March 1, 2010**

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

**Commissioner Roberti 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.**

**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 2/5 & 2/15/10)

3686 – BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. (tariff filing 2/15/10)

3220 – RCN New York Communications, LLC (tariff filing 2/15/10)

2262(F16) – Verizon Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 2/18/10)

2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 2/5/10)

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

**Renewable Energy Resource Generation Units** – The Commission reviewed dockets regarding the following applicants eligibility as a Renewable Energy Resource:

4109 & 3884-B – Washington Electric Cooperative - The company filed notice that its Coventry Landfill Gas to Energy Project #4 (certified in Docket 3884-B) has increased its generation capacity and combined with the Coventry Landfill Gas to Energy Project #5 (in Docket 4109). Both facilities have the same GIS number MSS 12323. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to adopt the PUC Consultant's recommendation to certify an increase in the total rated capacity to 3.2 MW, as it does not represent a material change. The Commission accepts the name change for "Coventry Landfill Gas to Energy Project Unit #4" to "Washington Electric Cooperative Coventry Landfill Gas to Energy Project Unit #4 and #5," with a commercial operation date of June 2, 2009 for the increase in capacity. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.** Docket 3884-B will be merged into Docket 4109 and deemed closed.

3924 - WM Renewable Energy LLC – The Company filed notice that its Chaffee Landfill has increased its generation capacity. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to adopt the PUC Consultant's recommendation to certify an increase in the total rated capacity to 6.4 MW, as it does not represent a material change and a commercial operation date for the increase in capacity of September 15, 2009 for Chaffee Landfill. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**4011 - National Grid (NGrid)** - NGrid's submitted its final balance of the Standard Offer Reconciliation through December 31, 2009 and requested to cease the monthly reports because of the method it procures and prices Standard Offer Service. After review, Commissioner Bray moved that NGrid's continue to file reports but on quarterly basis. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**4041 – National Grid** – After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve NGrid's February 26, 2010 revised tariff cover sheets for approved Standard Offer Service Procurement Plan. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**4140 – National Grid** – After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve NGrid's February 26, 2010 Annual Retail Rate Compliance Filing that was submitted pursuant to Commission's open meeting decision on February 10, 2010. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**4065 – National Grid** – After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve NGrid's February 26, 2010 revised Compliance Rate Filing reflecting the Commission's open meeting decision on February 9, 2010. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

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