

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held March 12, 2009

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault, Nick Ucci and Luly Massaro. Commissioner Mary Bray and staff member Nick Ucci were not present.

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

Minutes of Open Meetings held on February 19, 2009: After review, Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the minutes. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers

The following companies filed an application for authority to operate as Competitive Local Exchange Carriers. The Division has reviewed the applications and recommends approval of:

4035 – ATC Outdoor DAS, LLC

4039 – Broadvox-CLEC, LLC

After review, Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the applications. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**

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

3741 – Paetec Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 3/3/09)

2736 – Conversent Communications of RI (tariff filing 2/20/09)

2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filings 2/20, 2/27 & 3/3/09)

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filings 2/23/09)

2472 – Sprint Communications (tariff filing 2/25/09)

3597 – ACN Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filing 3/2/09)

2262(J20) – Embarq Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 2/27/09)

2262(V8) – Americatel Corporation (tariff filing 2/27/09)

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

3971 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed for approval an Interconnection Agreement (ICA) and Amendment between Verizon RI and Vista PCS, LLC. The Division has reviewed the ICAs and recommends approval. After review, Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the ICAs as filed. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**

3943 – National Grid Gas (NGrid) – NGrid’s filed on February 23, 2009 a request for tariff change to Non-Firm Sales Service Rate 60 for the purpose to clarifying and bringing the referenced tariff pages into conformance with Commission Order No. 19563. The filing corrects the tariff to reflect the Commission’s decision to implement the expanded ten (10) day time period to the provision of the monthly rate quote to non-firm customers. After review, Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the tariff filing. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**

Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB) – PWSB filed a Motion for Relief from Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure Section 2.6(a) and 2.6(b) for approval to use a different test year and rate year in its upcoming abbreviated rate filing expected to be filed by March 31, 2009. PWSB seeks to utilize a June 30, 2008 test year and a calendar year 2010 as the rate year. PWSB represents that the Division has no objection. After review Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve PWSB’s motion. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**

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

3994 – University System of New Hampshire (USNH) – USNH filed an application seeking certification of the UNH Power Plan Generation Unit as an eligible Energy Renewable Resource. After review, Chairman Germani moved that the generation unit meets the eligibility requirement as New, Eligible Biomass Renewable Energy Resource. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** Eligibility is granted with the conditional requirement that the Company verifies Commercial Operation and provide the Generation Unit’s NEPOOL-IS asset identification number when assigned by NEPOOL.

4031 – Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) – The Commission reviewed NBC’s January 12, 2009 revision to its Terms and Conditions to clarify the billing of Commercial and Industrial accounts serviced with compound (two-dial) meters. The Division filed memo summarizing its review and supporting approval of NBC’s proposed revision to the Terms and Conditions. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve NBC’s tariff filing. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 2:35 P.M.