

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held March 13, 2003

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Racine, Commissioner Brenda Gaynor, Steve Frias, Cindy Wilson, Thomas Massaro, Douglas Hartley and Luly Massaro.

Chairman Germani 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.

Draft Minutes of Open Meetings: Chairman Germani asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes of open meetings held on February 13, 2003 and February 27, 2003. Commissioner Racine moved to approve the draft minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers:

The following companies registered to operate in R.I. The Division has reviewed the registrations and recommends approval of:

2262(C18) - Buzz Telecom Corp.

2262(B18) - Teleglobe USA LLC

Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to approve the registrations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The following companies submitted tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and does not recommend suspension of:

2486 - MCImetro Access Transmission Service LLC

2621 - MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc.

2449 - Brooks Fiber Communications of RI, Inc.

2618 - AT&T Communications of NE, Inc.

3059 - Broadview Networks, Inc.

2472 - Sprint Communications

2702 - Verizon Select Services, Inc.

2628 - Level 3 Communications LLC

2262(O) - VarTec Telecom, Inc.

2262(L10) - PaeTec Communications, Inc.

2262(P15) - Frontier Communications of America, Inc.

2262(L3) - Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc.

2262(I9) - 1-800-Reconex, Inc.

2262(Z9) - LineOne, LLC

2262(P7) - MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc.

2262(G16) - NYNEX Long Distance Co.

2262(X13) - ACN Communications Services, Inc.

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

3494 – Verizon Rhode Island (Verizon): Verizon submitted a tariff filing to modify the Centrex tariff by eliminating reference to “contracts” or “service agreements: and replacing those references with the words “term commitment” for effect March 14, 2003. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filing be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

3452 – Pawtucket Water Supply Board (PWSB): This docket relates to the Commission's investigation into the adequacy of the PWSB treatment plant. US Filter filed a motion to intervene and requested an opportunity to offer oral arguments in support of its motion. PWSB filed an objection to the motion. Out of an abundance of caution and in order to afford the parties adequate due process, Commissioner Racine moved to grant US Filter's request and allow the parties to offer oral arguments. The Commission will limit the time of arguments to ten minutes. The Commission will also limit the arguments to anything not raised in the parties' memoranda in support of their respective positions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** The hearing for oral arguments will be scheduled at 9:00 AM, March 20, 2003 (since the parties should have planned to attend a tentative 2nd pre-hearing conference on this date in this docket.)

3497 – Pawtucket Water Supply Board (PWSB): PWSB filed new rates designed to generate additional revenue requirements in the amount of \$14,708,719 for effect April 1, 2003. After review, Commissioner Racine moved to suspend the proposed rates to conduct investigation and hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3432 – Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC): This docket relates to the Commission review of NBC's CSO Abatement Fee Study based on stormwater runoff. Commissioner Gaynor noted the Commission conducted a thorough hearing to date, issued discovery and based on the additional information (responses to Commission's data request) NBC submitted in this docket, she moved to close the docket. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Racine and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

There being no further business to discuss, the open meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.