

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held March 17, 2010

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Mary Bray, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault, Nick Ucci 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.

Minutes of Open Meetings held on February 10, 2010 & March 1, 2010:

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

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers

The following company filed an application registration for authority to provide telecommunications service in Rhode Island. The Division has reviewed the application and recommends approval of:

2262(O21) – Worldwide Marketing Solutions, Inc.

After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the application. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

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 Corp. (tariff filing 3/2/10)

2878 – Choice One Communications of RI (tariff filing 3/2/10)

2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission Services (tariff filing 3/2/10)

3028 – Qwest Communications Co of Delaware (tariff filing 3/8/10)

2262(J20) – Embarq Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 3/5/10)

2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services (tariff filing 3/2/10)

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

4144 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on February 18, 2010 a tariff filing to expand Voice Discount associated with Regional Value to customers who intend to subscribe to broadband internet services. Division filed a recommendation that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon's tariff filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4145 – Verizon Rhode Island –There was no discussion of this docket because it was withdrawn by the Company.

3244 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed for approval an Amendment to Interconnection Agreement (ICA) entered between Verizon and Metropolitan

Telecommunications of RI. The Division reviewed the ICA amendment and recommends adoption. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the Amendment. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4154 – AT&T Corporation (AT&T) – AT&T filed a Request for Waiver from the denial by the NANPA’s Administrator of AT&T’s request to release additional 1000 numbers that begin with the 401-XXX-3000 to serve a customer in North Kingstown. The Commission found that the A&T does not meet the utilization rate requirement, however, it does have a customer that is able, willing to use and requires the additional numbers. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve AT&T's request. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4139 - Rules and Regulations Governing Utility-Scale Offshore Wind Project Proceeding Pursuant to RIGL 39-26.1-8. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to adopt new rules that establish filing requirements and govern proceeding of application by a Developer certified by the State to develop a utility-scale offshore wind farm. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. The regulation shall be filed with the Secretary of State for effect April 7, 2010. **Vote 3-0.**

4151 – Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) – NBC filed an application to change its rates designed to collect additional revenues of \$2,111,330 or 2.74% for debt service requirements. Commissioner Bray moved to suspend NBC's proposed rates for the purpose of conducting investigation and hearing. The hearing is scheduled May 4, 2010. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4041 – National Grid – NGrid filed on February 24, 2010 its compliance filing regarding proposed Standard Offer Service Rates for Large Customer Group for period April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010, and results of the Competitive Procurement of SOS for the period April 1, 2010 – June 30, 2010 and for period October 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011 for Small Customer Group. The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its review and recommending approval of the Large Customer Class Standard Offer Service rates for the period April 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve NGrid's compliance filing as filed. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4116 – National Grid – NGrid filed on February 8, 2010 a Settlement of the Parties for approval of National Grid’s Amended Energy Efficiency Program Plan (EEPP) for 2010. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the amended EEPP as filed. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.