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**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

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**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held March 29, 2012**

**Attendees:** Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Mary Bray, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Amy D'Alessandro, Alan Nault, Sharon Colby Camara, Nick Ucci, Dilip Shah and Luly Massaro. Commission Staff Patricia Lucarelli was not present.

**Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 10:30 A.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 revisions and recommended that they be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filings 3/1 & 3/16/12)

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filings 3/16/12)

2535 – Cox RI Telcom (tariff filing 3/5/12)

3028 – Qwest Communications Co. (tariff filing 2/29/12)

2702 – Verizon Select Services (tariff filing 2/22/12)

2262(P7) – Verizon Business Services (tariff filing 2/29/12)

2262(E2) – Teleconnect Long Distance Services (tariff filing 2/29/12)

2262(P20) – First Communications, LLC (tariff filing 3/9/12)

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

**Telecommunications Interconnection Agreements (ICAs)** – The following ICAs were submitted for approval. The Division has reviewed the ICAs and recommended adoption of:

3381 – ICA Amendment between Verizon RI and Quantumshift Communications, Inc.

3480 – ICA Amendment between Verizon RI and BullsEye Telecom, Inc.

After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the ICA Amendments. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4317 – Verizon Rhode Island** – Verizon filed on March 5, 2012 a tariff filing to eliminate the residential Directory Assistance Monthly Allowance of one (1) call per monthly billing period. The Division has reviewed the filing and recommended 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.**

**4320 - Woonsocket Water Division (WWD)** – WWD filed a rate application seeking approval of new rates designed to generate additional revenues of \$813,326 or 10.86% over current authorized level. Commissioner Bray moved to suspend the proposed rates to conduct discovery and hearing on the application. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4171 - Pawtucket Water Supply Board (PWSB)** – PWSB filed on February 1, 2012 a Petition to Amend Multi-Year Rate Plan. After review of the record, Commissioner Bray moved to grant PWSB’s Petition, amend Commission’s Order No. 20376 and required PWSB to make its compliance filing six months prior to the requested date that Phase II rates become effective. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4275 – North America Energy Alliance LLC (Company)** – After review of the record, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the Company’s application for certification of the Red Bridge Project Generation Unit, as a New and Existing Small Hydro Renewable Energy Resource. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4277 – National Grid (NGrid)** – After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve National Grid’s February 1, 2012 revised Enrollment Process Rules and revised Enrollment Application for Distributed Generation. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4288 – Office of Energy Resource (OER)** – After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve OER’s February 1, 2012 revised Standard Contracts for Small & Large Distributed Generation Projects. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4307 – National Grid** – After review of the record, Commissioner Bray moved to approve National Grid’s proposed Electric Infrastructure, Safety and Reliability (ISR) Plan for FY 2013 and rates. Commissioner Bray accepted the Division’s recommendation to track the benefits related to the cost of the program and ordered that National Grid track Vegetation Management and I&M benefits and report them as part of the annual ISR Plan. National Grid and the Division shall meet and agree to a methodology and file a report with the Commission for review and approval within 90 days. Lastly, Commissioner Bray ordered that National Grid report on a Final Flood Mitigation Plan six months before filing the FY 2014 Proposed ISR Plan. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4308 – National Grid** – After review of the record, Commissioner Bray moved to approve National Grid’s December 29, 2011 proposed tariff filing 1) to implement Long-Term Contracting for Renewable Energy Recovery Provision (LTCRER) R.I.P.U.C. No. 2081 and the proposed rate and 2) to amend RIPUC No. 2036, Transmission Service Cost Adjustment Provision. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4314 – National Grid** – After review of the record, Commissioner Bray moved to approve National Grid’s proposed rates contained in the Company’s February 16, 2012 Retail Rate Filing including the amendment to the QF Tariff. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.** The Commission also discussed and unanimously agreed that the costs associated with renewable generation credits, the LTCRER rates and future long term contracting and Distributed Generation related costs should be included in a separate

“renewable distribution charge” line item on bill. The Company was instructed to advise the Commission regarding whether April 23 or July 1 is feasible for the billing charge.

**4227 – National Grid** – After review of the record, Commissioner Bray moved to approve National Grid’s February 22, 2012 proposed Standard Offer Service rates for the Industrial Group for period April 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4227 - National Grid** – After review of the record, Commissioner Bray moved to approve National Grid’s February 21, 2012 proposed 2012 Renewable Energy Standard Charge. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.