
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held April 11, 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 10:00 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Minutes of Open Meetings held on March 2, 2012 and March 29, 2012: After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers:

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

2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filing 3/30/12)

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filing 3/30/12)

2535 – Cox RI Telcom (tariff filing 3/23/12)

3036 – CTC Communications (tariff filing 3/20/12)

2736 – Conversent Communications of RI (tariff filing 3/20/12)

2878 – Choice One Communications of RI (tariff filing 3/20/12)

2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 3/20/12)

2262(O2) – NOS Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 3/19/12)

2262(Q2) – Affinity Network Inc. (tariff filing 3/19/12)

2262(P2) – NOSVA Limited Partnership (tariff filing 3/19/12)

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

4321 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on March 23, 2012 a tariff filing to introduce the Residential Subdivision Extension Policy. Chairman Germani moved to suspend Verizon's tariff filing for further examination into the proposal. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4309 - Woonsocket Water Division (WWD) – After review of the record, Commissioner Bray moved to find that the City of Woonsocket owes hydrant fees through December 21, 2012 to the Woonsocket Water; and further ordered that Woonsocket Water net the Hydrant Fees it is owed by the City against the City Services it is required to pay to the City at the level allowed in Docket No. 3800 until such time as the hydrant fee receivable has been reduced to zero. Commission Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4065– National Grid (NGrid) – After review of the record, Chairman Germani moved to approve the March 3, 2012 Settlement Agreement executed between National Grid and the Division of Public Utilities & Carriers. The Settlement Agreement resolves the capital structure to be utilized to determine National Grid’s revenue requirement in base rates and any other rate mechanism incorporating an approved capital structure. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

1725 – Rules Governing the Termination of Residential Electric, Gas & Water Utility Service - The Commission reviewed the record regarding the George Wiley Center’s and the General Assembly’s request to extend the moratorium on gas and electric utility shutoff until May 1, 2012. After review, Commissioner Bray noted that an economic condition in Rhode Island coupled with delays in the processing of LIHEAP payments has created an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare. Commissioner Bray finds that it is reasonable and she moved to extend the winter moratorium period through 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2012. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion. Chairman Germani opposed. **Vote 2-1.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.