

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held April 14, 2011**

**Attendees:** Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Mary Bray, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Amy D'Alessandro, Sharon Colby Camara, Nick Ucci, Dilip Shah and Luly Massaro.

**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.**

**Minutes of Open Meeting held March 31, 2011:** 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 company filed an application for authority to transact as a telecommunication service provider in RI. The Division has reviewed the application and recommends approval of: 2252(S21) – Residential Long Distance, 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 filings 3/31/11)

2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission Services (3/31/11)

2535 – Cox Rhode Island (tariff filing 3/16/11)

2628 – Level 3 Communications, LLC (tariff filing 3/17/11)

4157 – tw telcom data services llc (tariff filing 3/23/11)

2262(K) – SNET America, Inc. (tariff filing 4/4/11)

2262(Q2) – Affinity Network, Inc. (tariff filing 3/16/11)

2262(O2) – NOS Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 3/16/11)

2262(P2) – NOSVA Limited Partnership (tariff filing 3/16/11)

2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 3/31/11)

2262(E2) – Teleconnect Long Distance (tariff filing 4/1/11)

2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filings 3/31 & 4/1/11)

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

**4233 – Verizon Rhode Island** – Verizon filed on March 18, 2011 a tariff filing to introduce a Multi-line Discount that will apply to the Solutions for Business Bundle Additional Bundle Line - Plus or the Additional Bundle Line - Unlimited lines when the total lines in the bundle equal four or more. The Division has reviewed the filing and finds that it is in accordance with Verizon's Successor Alternative Regulation Plan and Order No. 18550. After review, Chairman

Germani moved to approve Verizon's tariff filing as filed. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4234 – Verizon Rhode Island** – Verizon filed on March 18, 2011 a tariff filing to introduce Regional Essentials Bundle Discount II. The Division has reviewed the filing and finds that it is in accordance with Verizon's Successor Alternative Regulation Plan and Order No. 18550. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve Verizon's tariff filing as filed. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4235 – Verizon Rhode Island** – Verizon filed on April 1, 2011 a tariff filing to allow customers to use certain Business packages/bundles with unlimited calling for incidental facsimile use. The Division has reviewed the filing and recommends that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve Verizon's tariff filing as filed. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4236 – Verizon Rhode Island** – Verizon filed an Interconnection Agreement between Verizon Rhode Island and American Dial Tone, Inc. The Division has reviewed the ICA and recommends adoption. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the ICA as filed. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4208 – Pascoag Utility District** – Pascoag filed on March 21, 2011 a request to allocate additional \$6,681 in Demand Side Management (DSM) funds carried over from the 2010 DSM budget. The Division filed a memorandum indicating that it has reviewed the filing and recommends approval of the Pascoag's request. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Pascoag's request to allocate DSM funds as requested. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4237 – Commission's Investigation Relating to Stray and Contact Voltage** – The Commission received data responses from National Grid, Pascoag Utility District and Block Island Power relating to stray and contact voltage in response to Commission's data requests. This docket is initiated for the purpose of establishing a record in connection with the Commission's investigation relating to stray and contact voltage in Rhode Island electric utilities' territories. **Vote 3-0.**

**2379(N2) – Source One, Inc.** –Source One filed an application for authority to transact as a gas marketer in Rhode Island. The Division has reviewed the application and recommends approval. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve Source One's application as filed. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**1725 – Rules and Regulations Governing the Termination of Residential Gas, Electric and Water Utility Service** – The General Assembly filed on April 5, 2011 a request to extend the winter moratorium on utility shutoffs. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the General Assembly's request to extend the winter moratorium until May, 2011. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.