

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held May 7, 2012

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

Commissioner Bray called the open meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Minutes of Open Meetings held on April 11, 2012: After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

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.

2472 – Sprint Communications Co. L.P. (tariff filing 4/19/12)

2736 – Conversent Communications of RI (tariff filing 4/12/12)

2878 – Choice One Communications or RI (tariff filing 4/12/12)

2262(K) – SNET America, Inc. (tariff filing 4/9/12)

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

4297 & 4208 – Pascoag Utility District: Pascoag filed on April 5, 2012 its year-end budget for the 2011 Demand Side Management (DSM) and a requested to allocate additional \$12,234 carried over from the 2011 Demand Side Management (Docket No. 4208) to the line item "Funds for Follow-up to Successful Programs" in the 2012 Demand Side Management budget (Docket No. 4297). The Division filed a position memorandum summarizing its review of the filing and recommended that Pascoag's request be approved. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Pascoag's request as filed. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4323 – National Grid: National Grid filed on April 27, 2012 proposed electric and gas distribution rates designed to generate additional revenues in the amount of approximately \$31.4 million for its electric operations and \$20.0 million for its gas operations. Commissioner Bray moved to suspend the proposed rates for further investigation and hearing into the application. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4271 - National Grid (NGrid) – National Grid filed on August 3, 2011 a tariff filing to eliminate the Natural Gas Vehicle (NGV) Service (Rate 70). The Division filed a memorandum summarizing its examination of the filing and indicating that it has no objection to the elimination of the Natural Gas Vehicle tariff. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve National Grid's tariff filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion with the

anticipation that detariffing the NGV service rate will still facilitate the growth of the NGV industry. **Vote 2-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M.