

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held May 15, 2014

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault, Todd Bianco and Luly Massaro.

Chairperson Curran 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.

2262(F16) – Verizon Long Distance LLC - Verizon Long Distance LLC has filed a tariff revision to its optional Verizon Single Rate Service Monthly Recurring Charge from \$1.99 per month to \$2.99 per month. The per minute long distance calling rate does not change. Verizon Long Distance LLC seeks a ruling under R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-3-12 that this rate change be allowed to go into effect with less than 30 days' notice to the PUC. Verizon Long Distance LLC provided a copy of its notice to customers which was provided at least 45 days in advance. Verizon Long Distance LLC is providing a competitive service and the rate change is to be made in each service territory on May 17, 2014. Verizon Long Distance LLC asserts that it would be a burden to hold Rhode Island's implementation for two weeks due to programming of nationwide billing software. The Division has filed a recommendation with the PUC recommending that the tariff not be suspended. After review, Chairperson Curran moved that good cause exists to allow the tariff go in effect on May 17, 2014. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 10:05 A.M.