

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held May 30, 2014**

**Attendees:** Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Amy D'Alessandro, Alan Nault, Todd Bianco and Luly Massaro. Staff Sharon Colby Camara was not present.

**Chairperson Curran called the open meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.**

**Minutes of Open Meetings held on April 11, April 29, May 7 and May 15, 2014:**

After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Robert seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers Dockets**

The following company filed an application for authority to provide telecommunications services in Rhode Island. The Division reviewed the application and recommended approval of:

- 4504 – Light Tower Fiber Long Island, LLC

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

The following companies filed tariff revision to their existing tariffs (on date). The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and recommended that they be allowed to go into effect without suspension:

- 4477 – Tempo Communications (tariff filing 4/30/14)
- 2535 – Cox RI Telcom, LLC (tariff filings 4/30 & 5/9/14)
- 3820 – Granite Telecommunications, LLC (tariff filing 5/9/14)
- 3182 – Metropolitan Telecommunications, Inc. (tariff filing 5/8/14)
- 2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filings 5/1/14)
- 3686 – Bell South Long Distance (tariff filing 5/12/14)
- 2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 5/12/14)

After review, the PUC accepted the Division's recommendation to allow the tariff filings go into effect without suspension.

**4277 – YMax Communications Corp.** – YMax filed a request to relinquish its Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in Rhode Island. The Division filed a recommendation to approve the request as the company has not yet provided any Lifeline service in RI and there are adequate numbers of ETCs to service the demand for Lifeline. After review, Commissioner Roberti moved to approve YMax's request. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4434 – United Water Rhode Island** – United Water filed on May 9, 2014 its compliance filing: 1) Revised Joint Settlement Schedules and 2) Compliance Tariffs. The

compliance filing incorporates the PUC's approval of the March 28, 2014 Settlement Agreement with modification to reduce the utility's overall operating revenues. The Division filed memo finding that United Water's compliance filing accurately reflects the revenue requirements authorized by the PUC and recommended approval of the new tariffs. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve United Water's compliance filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4243 & 4355 - Newport Water Division** – After review of the record, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the following matters:

- 1) Newport Water's final rate application under the multi-year rate plan, to collect additional revenues of \$3,075,984 to support increased debt service. The additional revenues represent actual repayment schedules for debt service. (Docket 4243)
- 2) Newport Water's proposed tariff filing to change to customer monthly base charges in Schedule C of its existing tariffs. (Docket 4355)
- 3) Newport Water's Motion for Relief to collect the same amount of base charge revenue previously authorized by the PUC in Docket 4355.
- 4) Memorandum of Understanding between the Portsmouth Water & Fire District (PWFD) and Newport Water dated May 20, 2014. The parties agreed to reduce PWFD's monthly base charge to \$2.86 in connection with costs incurred by Newport Water for certain services that do not benefit PWFD. (Docket 4355)

Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4491 - National Grid** – National Grid filed revisions to the Request for Proposal for the solicitation of long-term contract for renewable energy projects on February 28 and subsequently on April 22, 2014. The revisions include changes to the timetable and method of solicitation and execution of renewable energy contracts. The Division filed a memo recommending approval. After review Commissioner Roberti moved to approve National Grid's filing as revised on April 22, 2014. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4443 – Energy Efficiency and Resource Management Council (EERMC)** – There was no discussion of this docket. A ruling will be issued at next open meeting scheduled June 10, 2014.

**4487 – Great Bay Hydro Corp. (Applicant)** – The applicant filed an application for certification of its West Charleston Hydro Generation Unit, a 0.675 MW small hydro energy generation unit located in West Charleston, Vermont, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource. PUC Consultant submitted a memorandum summarizing his review and recommending approval of the application. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the application. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 11:26 A.M.