

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held July 17, 2014**

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

**Chairperson Curran called the open meeting to order at 2:30 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.**

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers Dockets**

The following company filed an application for authority to transact as telecommunications service provider. The Division reviewed the application and recommended approval of:

- 4511 – Hypercube Telecom, LLC

After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the application and Chairperson Curran seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

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

- 3036 – CTC Communications Corp. (tariff filing 6/26/14)
- 2628 – Level 3 Communications, LLC (tariff filing 6/27/14)
- 2736 – Conversent Communications of RI, LLC (tariff filing 6/30/14)
- 2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filings 7/1/14)
- 4229 – Peerless Network of RI, LLC (tariff filing 7/1/14)
- 2472 – Sprint Corp. (tariff filing 7/1/14)
- 3903 – Bandwidth.com CLEC, LLC (tariff filing 7/1/14)
- 3597 – ACN Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filing 7/1/14)
- 3844 – Neutral Tandem-Rhode Island, LLC (tariff filing 7/1/14)
- 3741 – PAETEC Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 7/7/14)
- 3735 - YMax Communications Corp. (tariff filing 7/10/14)
- 2262(O2) – NOS Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 7/7/14)
- 2262(Q2) – Affinity Network Inc. (tariff filing 7/7/14)
- 2262(P2) – NOSVA Limited Partnership (tariff filing 7/7/14)

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

**3273 – Verizon Rhode Island** – Verizon RI submitted for review and approval Interconnection Agreement (ICA) Amendment No. 4 executed between Verizon New England, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Rhode Island and Level 3 Communications, LLC. The Division reviewed the ICA Amendment and recommended adoption. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to adopt the interconnection agreement amendment and

Chairperson Curran seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**4277 and 4288 – National Grid** – National Grid filed on July 9, 2014, proposed revisions to the Distributed Generation (DG) Enrollment Application and Enrollment Process Rules and Standard Contracts and revisions to the DG standard contract for use in the 2014 DG Standard Contract Program enrollments to comply with recent legislative amendments. The Company requested a decision prior to the next enrollment period which begins on July 21, 2014. The amendments include revised current standard contracts to include changes to the output demonstration provision for eligible anaerobic digestion projects. Specifically, the revised standard contract indicates that the contract can be terminated if an eligible anaerobic digestion project fails to meet a 90 percent output demonstration requirement within thirty-six months. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve National Grid's July 9, 2014 filing and Chairperson Curran seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**4503 - Consumer Protection Requirements for Nonregulated Power Producers** – Ms. Wilson-Frias explained that the Division had contacted her with a concern that the PUC had not deleted a provision that should have been deleted. According to Mr. Spirito, Part III, Section H.2 could be read to require PUC review of Division decisions, in conflict with the intent to move away from such practice. Therefore, the PUC will put the deletion out for comment. Where the PUC has already finalized new rules, that version will be put out so that comment is only on the one deletion. There was concurrence that the procedure appeared reasonable.

The open meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.