

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held August 8, 2012**

**Attendees:** Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Mary Bray, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault, Dilip Shah and Luly Massaro.

**Chairman Germani 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.**

**Minutes of Open Meetings held July 26, 2012** – After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. **Vote 3-0.**

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers:** Review of the tariff revisions filed by the following companies:

- 3666 – UCN, Inc. (tariff filing 7/27/12)
- 4310 – Liberty-Bell Telecom LLC of RI (tariff filing 7/23/12)
- 3220 – RCN New York Communications (tariff filing 7/17/12)
- 3820 – Granite Telecommunications, LLC (tariff filing 7/23/12)
- 2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance (tariff filing 7/18/12)
- 2262(L21) – Public Communications Services (tariff filing 7/31/12)

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

**4337 - Rules and Regulations Governing the Certification and Verification Procedures for Telecommunications Carriers Eligible to Receive Payments From the Federal Universal Service Fund.** After review of the record, Commissioner Bray moved to adopt the rules as proposed. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4343 – Narragansett Electric d/b/a National Grid** – After review, Chairman Germani move to approve National Grid's July 17, 2012 tariff filing to correct the Back-up Service Retail Delivery Service Rates B-32 and B-62. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4342 – National Grid** – Chairman Germani moved to suspend National Grid's July 13, 2012 proposed Tariff Advice Filing to Amend Terms & Conditions for Distribution Service, RIPUC No. 2072, and to Amend Terms & Conditions, RIPUC NG-Gas No. 101, Section 1M, Schedule A to conduct further discovery. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4237 – Investigation Relating to Stray and Contact Voltage Occurring in National Grid’s Territories** – There being no objection, Chairman Germani moved to grant Contract Advocacy LLC’s Motion to File Out of Time and Motion to Intervene in this docket. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4335 – Sandywoods Homes, Inc. (“Applicant”)** – After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the application of Sandywoods Homes’ for certification of the Sandywoods Farm 275kW Vergnet Wind Turbine, as an eligible New Wind Renewable Energy Resource. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4025 - Newport Water Division** – After review of the Supreme Court remand Order and the record, the Commission found that Newport Water had cost savings from efficiency. In response to the Supreme Court's charge, the Commission unanimously agreed and identified that Newport Water had \$557,499 available to it in Fiscal Year 2008 from the type of net costs savings that would fall within the language of the Docket No. 3818 Order and an additional \$191,997 available from increased revenues during the rate year to reduce its payables to the City. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.