

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held August 30, 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 1:30 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers

The following company filed an application for authority to transact as telecommunication carrier in Rhode Island. The Division has reviewed the application and recommended approval: 2262(W21) – Conectado, Inc.

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

The following companies filed tariff revisions to their existing tariffs. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and recommended that they be allowed to go into effect without suspension of:

3597 – ACN Communications Service, Inc. (tariff filing 8/8/12)

2472 – Sprint Communications (tariff filing 8/16/12)

3187 – Zone Telecom, Inc. (tariff filing 8/14/12)

2262(V21) – 1 800 Collect, Inc. (tariff filing 8/21/12)

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

4347 - Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on August 3, 2012 an administrative filing to correct the omission of language in the Regional Essentials section of the tariff that clarifies the grandfather of certain VAS services. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon's tariff filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4350 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on August 17, 2012 a tariff filing to modify the eligibility criteria for the Regional Essentials Voice Discount option. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon's tariff filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4351 – Verizon Rhode Island - Verizon filed on August 16, 2012 a tariff to increase the Lifeline support amount to \$9.25 as mandated by the FCC Order No. 12-11 (Lifeline Reform Order) and increase the one-party exchange discount by 63¢. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon's tariff filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4243 – Newport Water Division – Newport Water filed on June 14, 2012 a Petition to Amend Multi-Year Rate Plan approved by the Commission. Specifically, Newport seeks approval to delay the 2nd phase of its rate plan that would allow the utility to implement a rate increase to meet debt service requirements on July 1, 2012. Newport seeks to delay the 2nd rate increase until April 1, 2013. The Division filed a position indicating that it has no objection to the petition. Commissioner Bray moved to approve Newport Water’s petition. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4331 – Black Bear Development Holdings, LLC (Company) – The Company filed an application for certification of the Orono B Hydroelectric Project, a 3.75 MW generation unit located in Orono, Maine, as an eligible New Small Hydro Renewable Energy Resource. Commissioner Bray moved to approve the application. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3617 – National Grid – National Grid filed on July 20, 2012 a Request to Proposed Additions to the List of Sites to add Great Lakes Container Corp Superfund Site to the Environmental Response Fund and proposed revision to R.I.P.U.C. No. 2034-A to reflect the inclusion of this site to the environmental cost response tariff. The Company also filed to correct an inadvertent omission to the current language of the tariff to include the environmental site at Pond St, Woonsocket. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to suspend the filing to allow further review of the filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 1:40 P.M.