

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held August 31, 2011

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Mary Bray, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Amy D'Alessandro, Alan Nault, Sharon Colby Camara, Nick Ucci and Dilip Shah. Commissioner Paul Roberti and Luly Massaro were not present.

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.

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers

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

2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filings 8/2/, 8/15 & 8/22/11)

2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC (tariff filing 8/2/11)

3741 – Paetec Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 8/1/11)

2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filing 8/2/11)

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

4250 – Virgin Mobile USA L.P. - Virgin Mobile filed on May 25, 2011 an Application for Limited Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC). The Division submitted comments summarizing its review and recommending approval of Virgin Mobile's application for limited designation as an ETC. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Virgin Mobile's application for ETC designation. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4070 – Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB) – The Commission reviewed PWSB's July 1, 2011 Conservation Rate Proposal and the parties' comments thereto. The following motions were made:

1) Commissioner Bray moved that PWSB's July 1, 2011 Conservation Rate Proposal complies with the Commission's directive in Order No. 19767. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

2) Commissioner Bray moved that the conservation rates should be included for review in PWSB's next General Rate Filing. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4179 – Investigation into need to construct transmission line between Block Island and mainland – In view of the Supreme Court's ruling in Docket Nos. 4185 & 4111, Commissioner Bray moved to close this docket. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4268 – National Grid (NGrid) – NGrid filed on July 25, 2011 a tariff advice filing for approval of Net Metering Provision and to amend R.I.P.U.C. No. 2035, QF Power Purchase Rate. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to suspend NGrid’s tariff for further review and discovery. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

4270 – National Grid – NGrid filed on August 1, 2011 a tariff advice filing regarding Terms & Conditions for Gas Marketers and the calculation of Gas Cost Recovery rates (R.I.P.U.C. NG-GAS No. 101, Sections 2, 5, and 6). After review, Commissioner Bray moved to suspend NGrid’s tariff for further review and discovery. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

2379(P2) – People’s Power & Gas LLC (Company) – The Commission reviewed the Company’s August 16, 2011 application for authority to transact as a gas marketer in Rhode Island. The Division filed a recommendation to approve the application. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve People’s Power & Gas’ application. Chairman Germani seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.