

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held September 2, 2009

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Mary Bray, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault, Nick Ucci and Luly Massaro.

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 1:00 P.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:

3611 – TransNational Communications International (tariff filing 8/24/09)

2472 – Sprint Communications LP (tariff filing 8/21/09)

2262(N6) – PNG Telecommunications, Inc. (tariff filing 8/17/09)

2262(J20) – Embarq Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 8/21/09)

4081 - Verizon Rhode Island – The Commission reviewed Verizon’s August 21, 2009 tariff filing to introduce combination of products to the Bundle Discount Plans associated Regional Essentials and Regional Value service. The Division has reviewed the filing and recommends that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4080 – Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB) – PWSB filed on August 14, 2009 a tariff advice filing to implement a volume surcharge of \$0.06 per HCF and Fire Protection service charge applicable to only to City of Providence ratepayers as a result of a law that prohibits Providence Water from charging hydrant rental fees to the City of Providence. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to suspend the PWSB’s tariff pending further review. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4070 – Providence Water Supply Board – PWSB filed on July 1, 2009 conservation rate structure in compliance with Commission’s directive in Order No.19145. The Division has reviewed the filing and submitted a memo indicating that it does not object to PWSB’s position to keep the current rate structure in effect until PWSB collects additional monthly billing data. The Division recommends that PWSB’s proposal be accepted and that PWSB be required to file an updated conservation rate proposal by July 1, 2011. After review Commissioner Bray moved that PWSB’s July 1 filing complies with the requirements of Order No. 19141. Further, that PWSB is directed to file an updated conservation rate proposal no later than July 1, 2011 and provide updates on the

progress of its data collection in its semi-annual reporting requirements. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4069 – Rules and Regulations Governing a Long-Term Contracting Standard for Renewable Energy – The Commission issued proposed rules for public comments. A public comment hearing is scheduled September 29, 2009. **Vote 3-0.**

4052 –Consideration of Smart Grid Investments Pursuant to Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 – The Commission moved to close this docket noting that the issues required by the Act has or will be considering in other dockets. **Vote 3-0.**

4079 – National Grid (NGrid) – NGrid filed on September 14, 2009 a tariff advice filing to amend RIPUC No. 2010-A Qualifying Facilities Purchase Power Rate to comply with legislative mandate. Commissioner Bray moved to suspend NGrid’s tariff pending further review. Commission Roberti seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4041 – National Grid – The Commission reviewed the record regarding NGrid’s 2010 Standard Offer and Renewable Energy Supply Procurement Plans. The Commission deferred a decision and requested the parties to brief their position on the final 5% obligation for the first nine-month period of 2010, that is, should the Commission consider requiring NGrid to procure the remaining 5% obligation for the period January 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010 from the spot market rather than through FRS contracts? Why or why not?

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.