

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held September 2, 2010

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

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 2:00 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:

3903 – Bandwith.com CLEC, LLC (tariff filing 8/11/10)

3741 – Paetec Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 8/6/10)

2535 – Cox RI Telcom, LLC (tariff filing 8/6/10)

2618 - AT&T Corp. (tariff filing 8/3/10)

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

The following companies filed notice that it will cease operations and requested that their authority to transact be rescinded.

3713 – Comtel Telcom Assets LP

2262(T20) – TON Services, Inc.

After review, Commissioner Bray moved to rescind the authority of the companies as requested. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4189 – Androscoggin Reservoir Co. (Company) – The Company filed an application seeking certification of the Azicohos Project Generation Unit as small hydro Renewable Energy Resource with a nameplate capacity of 7.5 MW. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the application and certify the Azicohos Project Generation Unit eligible as an existing, small hydro Renewable Energy Resource. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

National Grid – A recent article reported that National Grid is under scrutiny for inappropriately allocating certain expenses to the ratepayers in Massachusetts and New York. Commissioner Bray moved to defer to the Division that it conducts an investigation into National Grid's expense and cost allocation to the ratepayers in Rhode Island. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion noting the need to conduct due diligence. The motion was unanimously passed.

Vote 3-0. It was noted that National Grid is also conducting its own investigation and audit into this matter and will provide its findings to the Division. National Grid was requested to copy the Commission all reports that it files with the Division.

The open meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M.