

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held September 3, 2003**

**Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Kate Racine, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Cindy Wilson, Thomas Massaro, Douglas Hartley and Luly Massaro.**

**Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.**

**Minutes of Open Meeting held August 22, 2003:** Chairman Germani asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes of open meeting held on August 22, 2003. Commissioner Racine moved to approve the draft minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers:**

The following companies submitted tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and does not recommend suspension of:

- 3198 - Z-Tel Communications, Inc.
- 2472 - Sprint Communications Inc.
- 2618 - AT&T Communications of New England, Inc.
- 3036 - CTC Communications Corp.
- 3098 - ARC Networks, Inc. d/b/a InfoHighway
- 2426 - TCG Rhode Island
- 2262(E2) - Teleconnect Long Distance Co

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

**3445 – Verizon Rhode Island:** Verizon submitted a request that the Commission amend its Order No. 17417 to require Verizon to file the Competitive Profiles annually rather than quarterly. The Competitive Profiles contains data regarding the CLEC market share by mode of entry, wire center, residential and business access lines and total access lines. There was no objection filed in response to Verizon's request. Commissioner Racine recommended that the Company file the report semi-annually, as this would coincide with similar report that is filed with the FCC. Commissioner Racine moved to amend Order No. 17417 to require Verizon to file the Competitive Profiles semi-annually rather than quarterly. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**3546 – Pascoag Utility District:** Pascoag filed new rates designed to generate additional revenue requirement in the amount of \$488,515 for effect September 8, 2003. After review, Commissioner Racine moved to suspend the proposed rates for six months

beyond the effective date for the purpose of conducting investigation and hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**3506 – Rules & Regulations Governing the Filing of Annual Reports by Common Water Carriers:** After review, Commissioner Racine moved to adopt Rules and Regulations Governing the Filing of Annual Reports by Common Carriers. The new regulations incorporate comments received from interested parties, and Commission changes resulting from comments as outlined on the attached document. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

There being not further business to discuss, the open meeting adjourned at 9:15A.M.