

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held September 8, 2015

Attendees: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Herbert DeSimone, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Patricia Lucarelli, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault, Todd Bianco and Luly Massaro.

Chairperson Curran 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 Dockets

- 2472 – Sprint (tariff filing 8/20/15)
- 2426 – Teleport Communications America, LLC (tariff filing 8/20 & 8/28/15)
- 2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filing 8/28/15)
- 2535 – Cox Rhode Island Telcom (tariff filing 8/28/15)
- 2262(Y21) – Spectrotel of New England (tariff filing 8/14/15)

After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to allow the tariffs go into effect without suspension. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4575 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on August 19, 2015, a tariff filing to increase monthly rates to various residential services. The Division filed a memorandum finding that the filing conforms with the PUC's requirement in Order No. 18550, Verizon's Successor Alternative Regulation Plan (providing Verizon with pricing flexibility to residential retail services). After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve Verizon's tariff filing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Roberti and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4577 – Cox Rhode Island Telcom, LLC – Cox filed on August 24, 2015, a request for a waiver of the Number Pool Administrator's (NPA) Denial of Request for the release of a block of numbers for use by a commercial customer, the Stone House Resort, in the Little Compton rate center. The PUC found that Cox has met the 51% utilization level, has a customer willing to take the numbers immediately, and Cox has agreed to return the unused block numbers to the Number Pooling Administrator for assignment to other carriers. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve Cox's waiver request. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4523 – The Narragansett Electric d/b/a National Grid - National Grid filed on August 7, 2015 proposed modification to the Gas Customer Choice Program and associated changes to the Company's gas tariff, RIPUC NG-GAS No. 101 for effect September 15, 2015. Commissioner Roberti moved to suspend the tariff filing to allow for further examination into the Company's proposal. Commissioner DeSimone seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

2379(P3) – Energy Professionals, LLC (Company) – The Company filed an application for authority to conduct business as a gas marketer application. The Division filed recommendation to approve the application. After review, Commissioner DeSimone moved to approve the application. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M.