

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held October 25, 2012

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

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 9:45 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 tariff revisions to their existing tariffs. The Division reviewed the tariff filings and recommended that they be allowed to go into effect without suspension of:

- 3807 – Matrix Telecom, Inc. (tariff filing 9/27/12)
- 2262(J20) – Embarq Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 9/27/12)
- 2262(V8) – Americatel Corp. (tariff filing 10/2/12)
- 2262(F16) – Verizon Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 10/2/12)
- 2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 10/1/12)

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

2262(C21) - Applewood Communications Corp. – The Company ceased operations as a result of a merger with another registered company and requested that its authority to transact be cancelled. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to rescind the authority of the Company. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4288 – Office of Energy Resources (OER) – The Chairman summarized that the parties were not given notice of OER's Motion for Relief from Order No. 20676 and therefore a hearing was held to solicit comments as to whether the Commission should reconsider its October 4, 2012 open meeting decision to approve OER's motion. He opined that the statute permits OER to reallocate the remaining MWs from the 2012 Distributed Generation Standard Contracts program into the 2013 program. National Grid reply's noted that this will result in lower rates to customers. The Chairman moved to not overturn the Commission's October 4, 2012 open meeting decision. Commissioner Bray agreed and seconded. Commissioner Roberti concurred. **Vote 3-0.**

3476 – National Grid Gas – National Grid filed on October 1, 2012 filing seeking approval an Agreement to Modify Performance Benchmarks to the Company existing Service Quality Plan. The Agreement is executed between National Grid and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers. The Settlement proposes fixed threshold and benchmark goals for the After Business Hours Emergency Response category and implements a return to the Division's Gas Standards' meter accuracy inspection schedule for the Meter Testing metric. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the Settlement Agreement and the request on October 24, 2012 that

allows National Grid to migrate the meter inspection schedule effective immediately instead of January 1, 2013. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4338 – National Grid Electric - National Grid filed on October 5, 2012 revised tariffs R.I.P.U.C No. 2127, Long-Term Contracting for Renewable Energy Provision (LTCRER) and R.I.P.U.C. No. 2125, LTCRER Reconciliation Provision, both of which would supersede the Company's existing LTCRER, R.I.P.U.C. No. 2081. The tariff reflects modifications that address the issues set forth in the Division's September 10 Memorandum and the Company's September 21 Reply Comments. The Division confirms that it is in agreement with the Company's revised tariffs. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve National Grid's revised tariffs as filed. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4320 – Woonsocket Water Division – After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the October 11, 2012 Settlement Agreement executed between Woonsocket Water and the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers. The Settlement requests approval of new rates designed to generate additional operating revenues of \$508,381 or 6.79% over current rates, to support total operating revenue requirement of \$7,997,009. Commissioner Bray concurred and further ordered that Woonsocket Water submit periodic compliance reports bimonthly instead of quarterly reports.

4364 – Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) – After review, Commissioner Bray moved to suspend NBC's proposed rate schedules contained in its October 5, 2012 rate application seeking additional revenues of approximately \$12.4 million for 14.5% to support total revenue requirement of \$98,568,187. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 9:55 A.M.