

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held November 21, 2003

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Steve Frias, Cindy Wilson, Thomas Massaro, Alan Nault, Douglas Hartley and Luly Massaro.

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 registered to provide telecommunication service in RI. The Division has reviewed the registrations and recommends approval of:

2262(S18) - MG LLC d/b/a SearsConnect

2262(R18) - MMG Holdings, Inc.

After review, Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to approve the registrations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

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

2472 - Sprint Communications

2618 - AT&T Communications of New England, Inc.

2621 - MCI WorldCom Communications

3381 - DSCI Corporation

2262(P7) - MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc.

2262(C2) - GE Business Productivity Solutions, Inc.

2262(J18) - Telrite Corp.

2262(D5) - ITC DeltaCom Communications, Inc.

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

The following companies ceased operations in RI and requested that their authority to operate be rescinded:

2262(B14) – Choctaw Communications Inc.

2262(E1) – LCI International Telecom Corp.

After review, Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to rescind the authority of the companies. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Verizon RI Interconnection Agreements (ICAs):

The following ICA was submitted for approval. The Division has reviewed the ICA and recommends approval of:

3568 - ICA entered w/ Volo Communications of Rhode Island, Inc.

After review, Chairman Germani asked for a motion and Commissioner Racine moved to approve the ICA. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3566 – Verizon Rhode Island (Verizon): Verizon filed to revise RIPUC Tariff No. 18 for Collocations Service in order to comply with terms and conditions pursuant to a stipulated settlement agreement made on August 27, 2003 with AT&T Communications, Coved Communications and Sprint Communications. After review, the Commission followed the Division’s recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

3567 – Cox Rhode Island Telcom LLC (“Cox”): Discussion related to Cox’s Request for Waiver from a denial by the Number Pooling Administrator to release certain blocks of number for a commercial customer, America Toray Plastics. Given the specific nature of the instant case, while Cox has a specific customer ready, willing and able to take 60% of the requested number and where Cox has a utilization rate over 50%, Ms. Wilson noted the request appeared reasonable. Commissioner Racine moved to approve Cox’s request. Further, Commissioner Racine moved to set the minimum standard utilization rate at over 50% as a requirement for a carrier who requests a waiver for number block release. Additionally, a carrier should show that at least 60% of the requested numbers will be put into service when released. Finally, Commissioner Holbrook clarified that the Commission could revisit the standards in the event they need to be tightened. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3562 – Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC): NBC filed to revise the Service Fee Schedule to add recording deeds and redemption certificates fees to comply with new legislation. The Division has reviewed the filing and recommended approval. After review, Commissioner Germani moved to approve the tariff filing effect January 6, 2004. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Racine and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

There being no further business to discuss, the open meeting adjourned at 2:50 P.M.