

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held December 20, 2010

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Mary Bray, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Patricia Lucarelli, Amy D'Alessandro, Sharon Colby Camara, Alan Nault, Nick Ucci 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.

Minutes of Open Meeting held on November 24, 2010: Chairman Germani moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion to approve the minutes was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

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:

2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariffs filings 12/2/10)

3686 – BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. (tariff filing 12/1/10)

2486 – MCI metro Access Transmission Services, LLC (tariff filing 11/30/10)

4157 – tw telecom data services llc (tariff filing 12/9/10)

2535 - 2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filing 11/30/10)

After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filing be allowed to go into effect without suspension. **Vote 3-0.**

2262(A1) – Budget Call Long Distance, Inc. – The company filed a request to cancel their authority to transact business in RI as a telecommunication service company. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to rescind the authority of Budget Call Long Distance, Inc. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4212 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on December 1, 2010 a tariff filing to modify the Verizon Client Advantage Program rebate plan for Regulated Services. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon's tariff filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4213 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon filed on December 1, 2010 a tariff filing to withdraw the Auto-Attendant Redirect feature from CUSTOM REDIRECT Service. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon's tariff filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

4201 – Rhode Island LFG Genco – The Company filed an application seeking certification of the RI LFG Genco Generation Unit as eligible biomass Renewable Energy Resource with a nameplate capacity of 33.4 MW. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the application and certify that the RI LFG Genco Generation Unit is eligible as an existing, small

hydro Renewable Energy Resource with the conditional requirement that the Company provide written documentation verifying Commercial Operation and the generation unit's NEPOOL-GIS Asset Identification Number when it is assigned by NEPOOL. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3762 – Interstate Navigation Co. – Interstate filed on November 8, 2010 a request for an automatic rate increase based on the Consumer Price Index (“CPI-U Northeast”) for its traditional ferry service for effect January 1, 2011. The filing was submitted pursuant to an Amended Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission Order No. 18957 which allows the Company to request for rate increases based on the change in the CPI-U from September 30, 2009 to September 30, 2010. The impact of the filing is an across-the-board increase of 1.2% on all rate classes, excluding the Commuter Rate, the Commuter Vehicle Rate or the Freight Rates. The Division filed a memorandum finding that the proposed rates are calculated in accordance with the Settlement and recommended approval. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Interstate's CPI-U rate filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

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