

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Public Utilities Commission**

Minutes of Open Meeting Held September 10, 2004

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

Commissioner Racine called the open meeting to order at 10:15 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. Chairman Germani was not present to participate on the following but a quorum was present.

Minutes of Open Meetings held on August 19, 2004 and September 2, 2004: Commissioner Racine moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. Vote 2-0.

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers:

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

3196 - Z-Tel Communications Inc. (tariffs filed 8/30/04)

2618 - AT&T Communications of NE Inc. (tariffs filed 8/23 & 8/24/04)

2426 - TCG Rhode Island (tariff filed 8/20/04)

2472 - Sprint Communications Inc. (tariffs filed 8/19, 8/23/04)

3582 - Lightyear Network Solutions LLC (tariffs filed 8/30/04)

3028 - Qwest Communications Corp. (tariffs filed 8/26/04)

3486 - IDT America Corp. (tariff filed 8/20/04)

2262(P2) - NOSVA Ltd. Partnership (tariffs filed 8/30/04)

2262(Q2) - Affinity Network Communications (tariffs filed 8/30/04)

2262(O2) - NOS Communications Inc. (tariffs filed 8/30/04)

2262(F16) - Bell Atlantic Communications (tariffs filed 8/30/04)

2262(G16) - NYNEX Long Distance Co. (tariffs filed 8/30/04)

2262(C8) - CTC Communications Corp. (tariffs filed 8/23/04)

2262(D5) - ITC DeltaCom Communications (tariffs filed 8/23/04)

2262(G1) - Business Telecom Inc. (tariffs filed 8/23/04)

2262(D7) - eMeritus Communications Inc. (tariffs filed 8/18/04)

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

3629 - Verizon Rhode Island: Verizon's submitted a tariff filing to introduce Enhanced Dedicated SONET Service (EDSS) for effect September 11, 2004. EDSS is an optical high capacity service that is provided using SONET-based technology and will be offered to large business customers and Internet Service Providers. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filing to go into effect without suspension.

Commissioner Racine recessed at 10:20 AM until Chairman Germani

arrived. The meeting convened at 10:30 A.M. to discuss Docket 3617.

3617 - Narragansett Electric Co.: Commissioner Holbrook shared his concerns about the settlement and offered thoughts for open discussion on the following:

- The need to have second savings proof in the settlement**
- Interest paid to be accrued on the Company's earnings to be shared with ratepayers.**
- Inclusion of a clause that would address the means or method for the distribution of shared earnings in the settlement after 2009.**

Commissioner Holbrook noted the need for more information on how the Company's \$10.2 million rate reduction was derived.

A transcript of the Commission's September 10, 2004 open meeting discussion relating to this docket is available at the office of the Commission Clerk.

There being no further business, the open meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.