

# **State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

## **Public Utilities Commission**

### **Minutes of Open Meeting Held January 5, 2006**

**Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Commissioner Mary Bray, Steve Frias, Cindy Wilson-Frias, 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.**

#### **Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers**

**The following company filed an application for authority to provide telecommunications service. The Division has reviewed the application and recommended approval of:**

**2262(I20) – Alltel Holding Corporate Services, Inc.**

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

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

**3429 – AmeriVision Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 12/15/05)**

**2618 – AT&T Communication of NE, Inc. (tariff filings 12/9 & 12/15 &**

**12/16/05)**

**2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filings 12/9 & 12/16/05)**

**2878 – Choice One Communications of RI, Inc. (tariff filing 12/12/05)**

**2262(N19) – STARTEC Global Licensing Co. (tariff filing 12/13/05)**

**2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 12/19/05)**

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

**3715 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon submitted a tariff filing to introduce the Verizon Client Advantage Program for Regulated Services ("VCAP-R"), a loyalty program for large business customers for effect January 7, 2006. After review, Chairman Germani asked for a motion to approve Verizon's filing and Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray and unanimously passed. Vote 3-0.**

**3573 - Interstate Navigation Co. – Chairman Germani moved to confirm the Commission's discussion at the December 21, 2005 open meeting, that there being no objection filed to Interstate Navigation's request, the Company is authorized to continue the volume and group discount ticket discount program effective January 1, 2006. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. Vote 3-0.**

**3701 – Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid – After review,**

**Chairman Germani moved to approve National Grid's performance based shareholders incentive mechanism proposed in the 2006 Demand Side Management Program Settlement. It includes a kWh savings goal incentive with four performance metrics, increasing the funds allocated to each metric from \$15,000 to \$20,000, and provides the Company with a total target incentive amount of \$653,932 and the potential to earn a maximum incentive of \$896,415 in the event the company exceeds its kWh savings performance goals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. Vote 3-0.**

**The open meeting adjourned at 2:07 P.M.**