

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

Minutes of Open Meeting Held July 27, 2006

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Commissioner Mary Bray, Steve 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.

Minutes of Open Meetings held on July 13, 2006 - After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. Vote 3-0.

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers

The following company submitted an application for authority to provide telecommunication services in RI. The Division has reviewed the application and recommended approval of:

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

2262(O20) – Yestel USA, Inc.

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

2535 – Cox RI Telcom, LLC (tariff filings 7/5 & 7/12/06)

3597 – ACN Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filing 7/19/06)

2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filing 6/30/06)

3713 – Comtel Telcom Assets LP (tariff filing 7/13/06)

2262(F16) – Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. (tariff filings 6/30 & 7/10/06)

2262(G16) – NYNEX Long Distance Co. (tariff filing 7/30/06)

2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filing 7/30/06)

2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance, LLC (tariff filing 7/17/06)

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

3756 – Verizon Rhode Island – The Commission reviewed Verizon tariff filing to propose changes to Centrex Services effective August 6, 2006. After review, the Commission unanimously agreed to follow the Division's recommendation to allow the tariff filing to go into effect without suspension.

3195 – Verizon Rhode Island – The Commission reviewed Verizon's July 14, 2006 filing proposing modifications to the Carrier-to-Carrier Guidelines performance metrics reflecting changes approved by NYPSC. The Division filed a memorandum indicating that it has

reviewed the revised performance metrics and supports adoption of Verizon's proposed C2C guidelines changes. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve Verizon's proposed modifications contained in the July 14 filing. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. Vote 3-0.

3709 - Pascoag Utility District – There was no discussion of this docket because a bench decision was issued at the July 26, 2006 hearing. At the hearing, the Commission unanimously approved Pascoag proposed adjustments the Standard Offer Rate, Transmission Charge and Transition Charge effective August 1, 2006.

3739 – Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid – There was not discussion of this docket.

3759 – Energy Policy Act of 2005 – Mr. Hartley summarized that new federal legislation designates the PUC to consider and implement a host of energy and electricity issues within one year from the passage date of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (“EPACT 2005”) which was August 8, 2005. Therefore, to comply with federal law, this docket is initiated to implement the requirements of EPACT 2005 and those sections of the omnibus state energy act, the “Comprehensive Energy Conservation, Efficiency and Affordability Act of 2006”, that correspond to those requirements of the EPACT 2005.

The open meeting adjourned at 2:08 P.M.