

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held March 21, 2007**

**Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Commissioner Mary Bray, Steve Frias, Thomas Massaro, 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.**

**Minutes of Open Meetings held on March 8, 2007 and March 19, 2007: After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. Vote 3-0.**

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers**

**The following company submitted an application for authority provide telecommunications service in RI. The Division reviewed the application and recommended approval of:**

**2262(T20) – TON Services, Inc.**

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

**The following companies submitted tariff revisions. The Division reviewed the tariff filings and recommended no suspension.**

**2618 – AT&T Communications of NE, Inc. (tariff filing 3/6/07)**

**2426 – TCG Rhode Island (tariff filings 3/5/07)**

**2535 – Cox RI Telcom LLC (filing 3/7/07)**

**2702 – Verizon Select Services (tariff filing 2/22/07)**

**3059 – Broadview Networks, Inc. (tariff filing 3/13/07)**

**2486 – MCI metro Access Transmission (tariff filings 3/2/07)**

**2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services (tariff filings 3/2/07)**

**2262(F16) – Bell Atlantic Communications (tariff filing 3/2/07)**

**2262(C8) – CTC Communications Corp. (tariff filing 3/7/07)**

**2262(M1) – Talk America, Inc. (tariff filing 3/2/07)**

**2262(Q2) – Affinity Network Inc. (tariff filing 2/28/07)**

**2262(P2) – NOSVA Limited Partnership (tariff filing 2/28/07)**

**2262(Q2) – NOS Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 2/28/07)**

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

**3823 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon submitted a tariff filing to increase Directory Assistance Service for residential and business customers for effect April 1, 2007. The Division filed a memo indicating that it has reviewed Verizon's tariff filing and finds that it conforms to the requirements of Verizon's Successor Alternative Regulation Plan and Order No. 18550. After review, Chairman**

**Germani moved to approve Verizon's tariff filing. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. Vote 3-0.**

**3824 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon submitted a tariff filing to increase rates for various residential Service Package offerings for effect April 1, 2007. The Division filed a memo indicating that it has reviewed Verizon's tariff filing and finds that it conforms to the requirements of Verizon's Successor Alternative Regulation Plan and Order No. 18550. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve Verizon's tariff filing. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. Vote 3-0.**

**3825 – Verizon Rhode Island – Verizon submitted a tariff filing to modify the Business Link Rewards plan to include DSL, FiOS Internet and long Distance revenue in the qualifying threshold for business customers who participate in the Business Link Rewards plan for effect April 1, 2007. The Division recommended that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve Verizon's tariff filing. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. Vote 3-0.**

**3821 – Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) – NBC filed a tariff advice to amend its Terms & Conditions Service Fee Schedule to recover costs associated with contractual title and lien service**

agreements for effect March 22, 2007. The Division filed a memo summarizing the filing, noting that the proposed amendment is reasonable and that does not object approval of the filing. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve NBC's tariff filing. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. Vote 3-0.

3765 – National Grid – The Commission discussed the record relating to National Grid proposed RES Procurement Plan. After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the following:

1. To approve NGrid's proposed RES Procurement Plan as filed.
2. To direct the parties to collaborate and form a working group to develop an approach for acquiring RES certificates for the period beyond 2009
3. To affirm approval of the RES charge of 0.062¢ per kWh
4. To direct NGrid to file its proposed 2008 RES charge and procurement plan by November 15, 2007.

Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. Vote 3-0.

The open meeting adjourned at 2:13 P.M.