

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held January 31, 2008

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Commissioner Mary Bray, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias and Alan Nault.

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 2:00 PM. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Minutes of Open Meetings held on 1/17/08: After review, Chairman Germani entertained a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Holbrook 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 companies submitted tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and does not recommend suspension of:

2262(F16) – Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. (tariff filing 1/22/08)

2262(G16) – NYNEX Long Distance Co. (tariff filing 1/22/08)

2262(P16) – Legacy Long Distance (tariff filing 1/17/08)

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

The following company ceased operations and requested to withdraw its authority to operate:

3561 - Network Technology Corporation

After review, Chairman Germani entertained a motion to rescind the authority of the Company. Commissioner Holbrook moved to rescind the authority of the Company. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3910 – Verizon Rhode Island – The Commission reviewed Verizon's tariff filing to increase monthly rate for the Business Measured 1-Party service from \$20.95 to \$21.95 for effect February 10, 2008. 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 entertained a motion to approve Verizon's tariff filing and Commissioner Bray moved to approve the filing. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3909 – Verizon Rhode Island –The Commission reviewed Verizon's filing to increase Unlimited Local Usage for Business for effect February 1, 2008. 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 entertained a motion to approve Verizon's tariff

filing and Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the filing. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Renewable Energy Resources Generation Units – The Commission reviewed the following Renewable Energy Resource certification applications filed by:
3884-A - Washington Electric Cooperative for Generation Unit: Coventry Landfill Gas to Energy Project, Units #1 - #3
3884-B - Washington Electric Cooperative for Generation Unit: Coventry Landfill Gas to Energy Project, Unit #4
After review, Chairman Germani moved that the Coventry Landfill Gas to Energy Project Generation Units (#1-#3 and #4) meet the eligibility requirement as New, Eligible Biomass Renewable Energy Resources and hereby approve the certification applications as filed by Washington Electric Cooperative. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3904 - National Grid (NGrid) – The Commission reviewed of the record relating to NGrid’s December 3, 2007 tariff advice filing to amend RIPUC No. 1078-A, Qualifying Facilities Power Purchase Rate and NGrid’s January 16 tariff advice to implement new Standards for Connecting Distributed Generation, RIPUC No. 2007. After review, entertained a motion to approve the following motions:

- 1) To approve the inclusion in the tariff of the statutory language requiring an aggregate amount of net metering to be at a minimum of 5MW, reserving at least one megawatt for projects less than 25kW.
- 2) To deny the recommendation to allow for virtual net metering.
- 3) To approve the recommendation of the Division that net metering credits be allowed to carry forward for an additional year.
- 4) That the above rulings are on an interim basis.
- 5) To suspend NGrid’s January 16, 2008 tariff advice filing to implement new Standards for Connecting Distributed Generation in order to conduct further discovery.

Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the above motions. Commissioner Bray seconded the motions and the motions were unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3605 – National Grid – The Commission reviewed the record relating to NGrid’s market assessment for the procurement of Last Resort Service load for period May 2008 through October 2008. The Division filed a memo indicating that it has reviewed the filing, finds it reasonable and recommends that the LRS procurement plans as described in the market assessment be approved. After review, Chairman entertained a motion to approve NGrid’s proposal to procure Last Resort Service in accordance with its proposed Procurement Plan. Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve NGrid’s filing. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3876 - Rules and Regulations Governing the Termination of Residential Electric, Gas and Water Service – The Commission reviewed the record and supplemental comments received on the proposed termination rules. After review, Chairman Germani entertained a motion to adopt the proposed rules noticed on December 5, 2007 as final. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. Vote 3-0.

The open meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.