

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held August 7, 2008**

**Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Commissioner Mary Bray, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Thomas Massaro, Alan Nault, Luly Massaro and Jeff Gladstone.**

**Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 10:00 AM. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.**

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers**

The following companies submitted tariff revisions. The Division has reviewed the tariff revisions and recommends that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension:

3336 – United Systems Access Telecom (tariff filing 7/22/08)

3597 – ACN Communication Services, Inc. (tariff filing 7/24/08)

2262(D21) – NexUSTel, LLC (tariff filing 7/23/08)

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

**3973 – Verizon Rhode Island** – Verizon filed on July 16, an administrative filing to remove wording from the Voice Discount for Regional Essentials and Regional Value for effect July 16, 2008. The Division has reviewed the filing and supports approval of the tariff filing (See attached memo from the Division).

**3974 – Cox RI Telcom LLC** – Cox filed on July 30, a Request for a Waiver of a denial by NANPA to Cox's request for the release of additional block numbers to provide service to a commercial customer, GTECH

**Renewable Energy Resources Generation Units** – The following Renewable Energy Resource certification application was submitted for approval (See attached PUC Consultant's review and recommendation):

3906 – Airtricity Munnsville Wind Farm LLC for Generation Unit: Munnsville Wind Farm

**3972 – Interstate Navigation Co.** – Interstate filed on August 1 an alternative tariff filing to change the Fast Ferry Rates and Terms & Conditions to eliminate free transportation for children 3 years of age and under. Interstate proposes to charge less than ½ of the existing fast ferry child rates to children 3 years and under. The Division has no objection to the proposed tariff.

**3942 – Kent County Water Authority (KCWA)** – The City of Warwick filed on July 29, a Motion for Extension of Time to file testimony. The testimony was due on July 30. The City seeks an extension of 45 days to file its testimony. Both the Division and KCWA object.

**3605 - National Grid** – National Grid filed on July 1, its Last Resort Service (LRS) market assessment & recommendation to continue to procure LRS for the period November 2008 - April 2009 under the current LRS Acquisition Plan. The Division has reviewed the filing, found it to be reasonable and recommends approval.

**3960 & 3961 - National Grid** – After discussion, the Commission determined that the audit should: 1) include review to determine that NGrid's procurement for electric Standard Offer is made pursuant to its contract, 2) apply to the NGrid's gas purchases solely to examine that the purchases were made in conformance with its contracts (that were approved by the FERC), and 3) cover a 24-month period.

**3943 - National Grid** – The following pleadings were submitted and require action: 1) Motion for Extension of Time to file testimony by the NEGWA; 2) SilentSherpa's Motion for Interim Relief/Emergency Relief request regarding the company's gas pricing to non-firm customers and 3) National Grid's Assented to Motion for Extension of Time to filed rebuttal testimony and set a deadline for discovery.

**3975 – The George Wiley Center** – National Grid submitted a partial response to the Commission's data requests in connection with billing and termination data of customers whose service is terminated. Discussion of this docket was postponed pending the receipt of the remaining responses.

The open meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.