

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Public Utilities Commission**

**Minutes of Open Meeting Held December 22, 2009**

**Attendees:** Commissioner Mary Bray, Commissioner Paul Roberti, Patricia Lucarelli, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Sharon Colby Camara and Alan Nault. Chairman Germani, Nick Ucci and Luly Massaro were not present.

Commissioner Bray called the open meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

**Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers**

The following companies filed revisions to their existing tariffs. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and recommends that they be allowed to go into effect without suspension:

3010 – RNK, Inc. (tariff filing 12/11/09)

2472 – Sprint Rhode Island (tariff filing 12/7/09)

2618 – AT&T Corp. (tariff filing 12/4/09)

2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission (tariff filing 12/11/09)

2262(P7) – MCI Communications Services, Inc. (tariff filing 12/11/09)

2262(V8) – Americatel Corporation (tariff filing 12/11/09)

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

**4134 – Verizon Rhode Island** – Verizon filed on December 2, 2009 a filing to modify tariff language associated with the Service Establishment Charge for customers with term commitments for Centrex Plus and Centrex Plus with Assume Dial 9. The Division has reviewed the filing and recommends that it be allowed to go into effect without suspension. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve Verizon's filing. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**3569 – Pascoag Utility District** – Pascoag filed a request for an extension of time of a waiver from the Credit Card Regulation granted to Pascoag in Order No. 19612. Pascoag seek an extension until July 1, 2010. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to grant Pascoag's request. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**4135 – Block Island Power Co. (BIPCo)** – BIPCo filed on December 7, 2009 a proposed summer-time only surcharge of \$0.01 per kWh pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 39-26.1-7. The revenue collected from the surcharge will be used to fund BIPCo's participation in matter relating to the Town of New Shoreham Project for a newly develop renewable energy resources. Commissioner Bray moved to suspend the proposed surcharge pending further investigation. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

**4107 - Thundermist Hydropower, LLC** – The Company filed an application seeking certification for its 1.1MW small hydro energy generation unit named Thundermist Hydropower, as a resource capable of producing both new (25.9%) and existing (74.1%) generation. After review, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the Company’s application for certification of the Thundermist Hydropower facility as new and existing, small hydro Renewable Energy Resource with the conditional requirement that the Company shall inform the Commission of the Generation Unit’s NEPOOL-GIS Asset Identification Number when assigned by the NEPOOL-GIS Administrator. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

Commissioner Bray moved to recess the open meeting to 9:30 A.M. on December 23, 2009. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

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**Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.**

**4020 - Rules Governing Lifeline Certification & Verification Procedures for Eligible Telecommunications Companies** – After review of the record, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the rules as drafted. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion. Chairman Germani opposed. **Vote 2-1.**

**4050 - Investigation Pursuant to R.I.G.L. Sec. 39-26-6(d) Regarding the Adequacy of Renewable Energy Supply (RES)** – After review of the record, the Commission unanimously agreed that there is sufficient renewable energy supply to meet the percentage requirement of energy from RES in 2011. **Vote 3-0.**

**4069 - Rules and Regulations Governing a Long-Term Contracting Standard for Renewable Energy** – After review of the record, Commissioner Bray moved to approve the rules as drafted. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4041 – National Grid (NGrid)** – After review, Chairman Germani entertained a motion to approve NGrid's November 19, 2009 compliance filing for the Large Customer Group Standard Offer Rate and a Renewable Energy Supply factor of \$0.00123 per kWh effective for usage March 1, 2010. Commissioner Bray moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4111 – National Grid** – Chairman Germani entertained a motion to approve the Procedural Schedule that was agreed by the parties in the proceeding relating to the Town of New Shoreham Project Pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 39-26.1-7. Commissioner Bray moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

**4116 – National Grid** – After review of the record, Chairman Germani entertained a motion to reject the proposed Settlement Agreement on National Grid's Energy Efficiency Program Plan ("EEPP") for 2010 and to continue the 2009 EEPP, budget and currently effective DSM surcharge of 3.2 mills. The parties are directed to file a revised 2010 EEPP by February 1, 2010.

Commissioner Bray moved to reject the Settlement. Commissioner Roberti seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

A transcript of the Commission's December 23, 2009 open meeting discussion relating to the above dockets is available at the office of the Commission Clerk.

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 A.M.