

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission,	)	Docket No. UG-031885
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
	)	Citizens' Utility Alliance
Northwest Natural Gas Company,	)	of Washington
	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

The Citizens' Utility Alliance of Washington (Alliance) hereby requests permission to intervene in the above referenced proceeding. In support of this Petition to Intervene, the Alliance asserts the following:

1. The Alliance's name and address is:

Citizens' Utility Alliance of Washington  
212 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Suite 100  
Spokane, WA 99201

John O'Rourke, Program Director of the Alliance, currently represents the Alliance in this matter. John O'Rourke is designated for service of all documents in this matter at the address of the Alliance office provided above.

2. This Petition to Intervene is made pursuant to Section 480-07-355 of the Washington Administrative Code.

3. The Alliance is a grassroots statewide consumer advocacy group with more than 2200 members from 120 Washington cities. The Alliance has members who reside in Respondent's service area including members that are residential customers of the Respondent, Northwest Natural Gas Company.

4. The mission of the Alliance is to protect, educate and advocate for Washington's

residential gas, electric, water, and telecommunications consumers. Specific purposes of the Alliance are to:

- (a) Promote public policies that ensure affordable access to power and telecommunications service for all of Washington's citizens, especially low-income and vulnerable citizens;
- (b) Organize Washington citizens so that they effectively advocate their views on important power, telecommunications and water issues;
- (c) Promote energy conservation and renewable energy sources; and
- (d) Expose and prevent utility fraud and work to hold offenders accountable.

5. The Alliance has a special interest in this proceeding because many Washington residents, including Alliance members, will be directly affected by the Respondents proposed 16 percent residential rate increase and by other matters that may result from this proceeding.

6. There is no other grassroots non-profit, membership based, residential customer advocacy group participating in this proceeding. The Alliance intends to conduct workshops, help organize public participation and public comment, and educate the general public on the issues covered by this case. No other party to this proceeding will actively work directly with Washington residents, throughout the entire proceeding, especially those that are low-income and vulnerable, to see that their views are represented in this proceeding.

7. The Alliance has no intention of broadening the issues, burdening the record or delaying the proceeding through its intervention.

8. The intervention of the Alliance in this proceeding is in the public interest.

For the foregoing reasons, the Alliance requests the Commission grant its petition to intervene in this matter.

Dated this 13th day of January 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all parties of record in these proceedings by mailing a copy properly addressed with first class postage prepaid.

Dated this 13th day of January, 2004.

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