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BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON EXCHANGE)	
CARRIER ASSOCIATION, et. al.,)	Docket No. UT-031472
)	
Complainant,)	
)	PETITION FOR
v.)	INTERVENTION OF VERIZON
)	NORTHWEST INC.
LOCALDIAL CORPORATION, an)	
Oregon Corporation,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
_____)	

Pursuant to WAC 480-09-430, Verizon, Northwest Inc. ("Verizon") petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") for leave to intervene in the above entitled docket.

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II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Verizon provides telecommunications services to customers throughout Washington, including intrastate switched access services and services to enhanced service providers and Internet service providers, similar to the services provided by Washington Exchange Carrier Association member companies that are involved in this case. Verizon is, therefore, interested in the tariff interpretation, policy and other determinations the Commission may make in this matter.

III. Scope of Participation


Verizon's intervention will not broaden the issues to be addressed, burden the record or delay the proceedings. Verizon is interested in ensuring that appropriate compensation is paid when non-local traffic originates or terminates on local exchange company networks, regardless of regulatory classification of the company using the network.

IV. RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE, Verizon respectfully requests leave to intervene as a party to this proceeding, to have notice of and appear at the taking of testimony, and to be heard in person or by counsel on brief and at oral argument.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 16th day of October, 2003.

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