

December 15, 2004

VIA E-MAIL AND LEGAL MESSENGER

Carol J. Washburn
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: *Petition to Intervene for WeCTEC*
WUTC Docket No. UT-040520

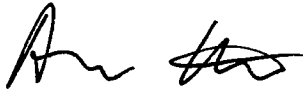
Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed please find the original and twelve (12) copies of Petition to Intervene for WeCTEC in the docket referenced above. All parties of record will be served as indicated on the certificate of service.

Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

ATER WYNNE LLP



Aaron Hottell
Assistant to Art Butler

cc: Parties of Record

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BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of:

VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC., FOR
APPROVAL OF REVISED DEPRECIATION
RATES

Docket No. UT-040520

**PETITION TO INTERVENE FOR
WeBTEC**

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Washington Electronic Business and Telecommunications Coalition (“WeBTEC”), by and through its attorneys of record, Ater Wynne LLP, hereby submits its Petition to Intervene.

In support of this Petition, WeBTEC states as follows:

II. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PETITIONER

2. The name and business address of the petitioner is:

WeBTEC
c/o Arthur A. Butler
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3. All communications with WeBTEC should be directed to the following person:

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III. PETITIONER'S INTEREST IN THE PROCEEDING

4. WeBTEC is an association of large end-users of telecommunications services. Its members are large retail customers of Verizon Northwest, Inc. ("Verizon").

5. As retail customers of Verizon, WeBTEC members have a direct interest in the outcome this proceeding, which will determine the appropriate depreciation lives and salvage values and resultant depreciation rates for intrastate depreciation purposes. Depreciation rates have a direct effect on retail prices, which are at issue in Docket No. UT-040788 in which WeBTEC is a party.

IV. PETITIONER'S POSITION RE THE MATTERS IN CONTROVERSY

6. WeBTEC's position with respect to the matters in controversy is that the service lives and salvage values for the plant and equipment utilized by Verizon to provide telecommunications services in Washington should accurately reflect the economic lives and values of that plant and equipment. Until such time as the evidence is more fully developed, it is not possible for WeBTEC to be more specific with respect to particular issues.

V. SCOPE OF PARTICIPATION

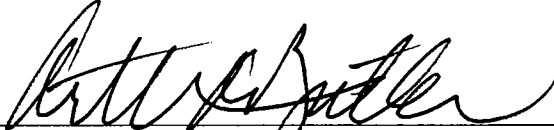
7. WeBTEC does not propose to broaden the issues in the proceeding.

VI. CONCLUSION

8. WeBTEC respectfully requests leave to intervene as a party in this proceeding, with a right of discovery, to have notice of and appear at the taking of testimony, to produce and cross-examine witnesses, and to be heard in person or by counsel on brief and at oral argument.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 15th day of December, 2004.

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