BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	DOCKET NO. UT-991358
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U S WEST, INC., and QWEST)	
COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL)	
INC.)	PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
)	THE CITIZENS' UTILITY OF
For an Order Disclaiming Jurisdiction, or in)	WASHINGTON
the Alternative, Approving the U S WEST,)	
INC., - QWEST COMMUNICATIONS)	
INTERNATIONAL INC. Merger)	
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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. 2nd Ave, Suite 100 Spokane, WA 99201 orourke@snapwa.org 509.744.3370, Ext. 247

Fax: 509.744.3374

John O'Rourke, an employee and the Program Director of the Alliance, 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 and the Notice of Prehearing Conference entered in this case on February 25, 2004.
- 3. The Alliance is a grassroots statewide consumer advocacy group with more than 2200

members from 120 Washington cities. The Alliance has hundreds of members that are

residential customers of applicant Qwest.

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

residential utility customers and promote public polices that ensure affordable access to

power and telecommunications service for all of Washington's citizens, especially low-

income and vulnerable citizens.

5. The Alliance has a special interest in this proceeding because many Washington residents,

including substantial numbers of Alliance members, will be directly affected by the decisions

the Commission makes regarding the Applicant's petition.

6. To our knowledge, there is no other grassroots non-profit, membership based, residential

customer advocacy group participating in this proceeding.

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

the proceeding through its intervention.

8. For the reasons listed above, the intervention of the Alliance in this proceeding is in the

public interest. The Alliance requests the Commission grant its petition to intervene in this

matter.

9. I certify that the facts asserted herein are true and correct to the best of my belief.

Dated this 2nd day of March 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

John O'Rourke, Program Coordinator

Citizens' Utility Alliance 212 W. 2nd Ave. Suite 100

Spokane, WA 99201

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 2nd day of March 2004.

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