

- (a) Promote public policies and administrative decision making that ensure affordable and dependable access to power and telecommunications service for all of Washington's citizens, especially low-income and vulnerable citizens; and
- (b) Organize Washington citizens so that they effectively advocate their views on important power, telecommunications and water issues.

5. The CUA has a special interest in this proceeding because Applicants' proposed Agreement and Plan of Merger will directly affect many Washington residents, including CUA members. Specifically this proceeding may affect consumer telecommunications choices, residential rates, and quality of customer service.

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

7. CUA representative, John O'Rourke, will be unavailable to attend the hearing scheduled for June 22, 2005 and be out state until June 28, 2005. CUA asks that if any party objects to its intervention in this matter that its objection be submitted in writing and that CUA be given sufficient time to respond to objections after Mr. O'Rourke returns to his office.

8. For the reasons listed above, the intervention of the CUA in this proceeding is in the public interest. The CUA 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 16th day of June, 2005.

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 16th day of June 2005.

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