BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Application of,) DOCKET NO. UT-050814
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC., and MCI, INC)
For Approval of Agreement and Plan of Merger.	 PETITION TO INTERVENE OF THE CITIZENS UTILITY ALLIANCE OF WASHINGTON
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The Citizens Utility Alliance of Washington (CUA) hereby requests permission to intervene in the above referenced proceeding. In support of this Petition to Intervene, CUA asserts the following:

1. CUA's name and address is:

Citizens Utility Alliance of Washington 212 W. 2nd Ave, Suite 100 Spokane, WA 99201

John O'Rourke, an employee and the Director CUA, represents the CUA in this matter. John O'Rourke is designated for service of all documents in this matter at the address of the CUA office provided above.

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

Administrative Code.

3. The CUA is a grassroots statewide consumer advocacy group with more than 2200

members from 120 Washington cities. The CUA has many members that are residential

customers of Applicants.

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

residential gas, electric, water, and telecommunications consumers. Specific purposes of

the CUA are to:

- (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 give 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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