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BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.,

Respondent.

Docket No. UT-040788

**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:

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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 whether Verizon should be allowed to increase its Washington intrastate rates, including rates for services that WeBTEC members purchase.

IV. PETITIONER'S POSITION RE THE MATTERS IN CONTROVERSY

6. WeBTEC's position with respect to the matters in controversy is that Verizon should not be permitted to increase rates unless the evidence developed in this proceeding demonstrates that the resulting rates are (i) necessary to allow Verizon the opportunity to earn a reasonable rate of return, (ii) otherwise fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient, and (iii) reasonably sustainable in light of competitive conditions. 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

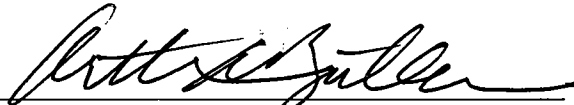
7. WeBTEC does not propose to broaden the issues in the proceeding.

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 14th day of May, 2004.

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