

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET NO. UT-040788
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	PETITION TO INTERVENE OF THE
)	CITIZENS' UTILITY ALLIANCE OF
VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC.,)	WASHINGTON
)	
Respondent.)	
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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

John O'Rourke, an employee and the 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.

3. The Alliance is a grassroots statewide consumer advocacy group with more than 2200 members from 120 Washington cities. The Alliance has members that are residential customers of the Respondent, Verizon Northwest.

4. The mission of the Alliance is to protect, educate and advocate for Washington's residential gas, electric, water, and telecommunications consumers. Specific purposes of

the Alliance are to:

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

5. The Alliance has a special interest in this proceeding because the Respondent's proposed rate increase and other matters that may result from this proceeding will directly affect many Washington residents, including Alliance members.

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

7. 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.

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

Dated this 18th day of May 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

John O'Rourke, Director
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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 18th day of May 2004.

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