



Mission Statement:

The UTC protects consumers by ensuring that utility and transportation services are fairly priced, available, reliable, and safe.



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Outline



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- Mission Statement
 - Subject matter of filings before UTC
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Mission Statement



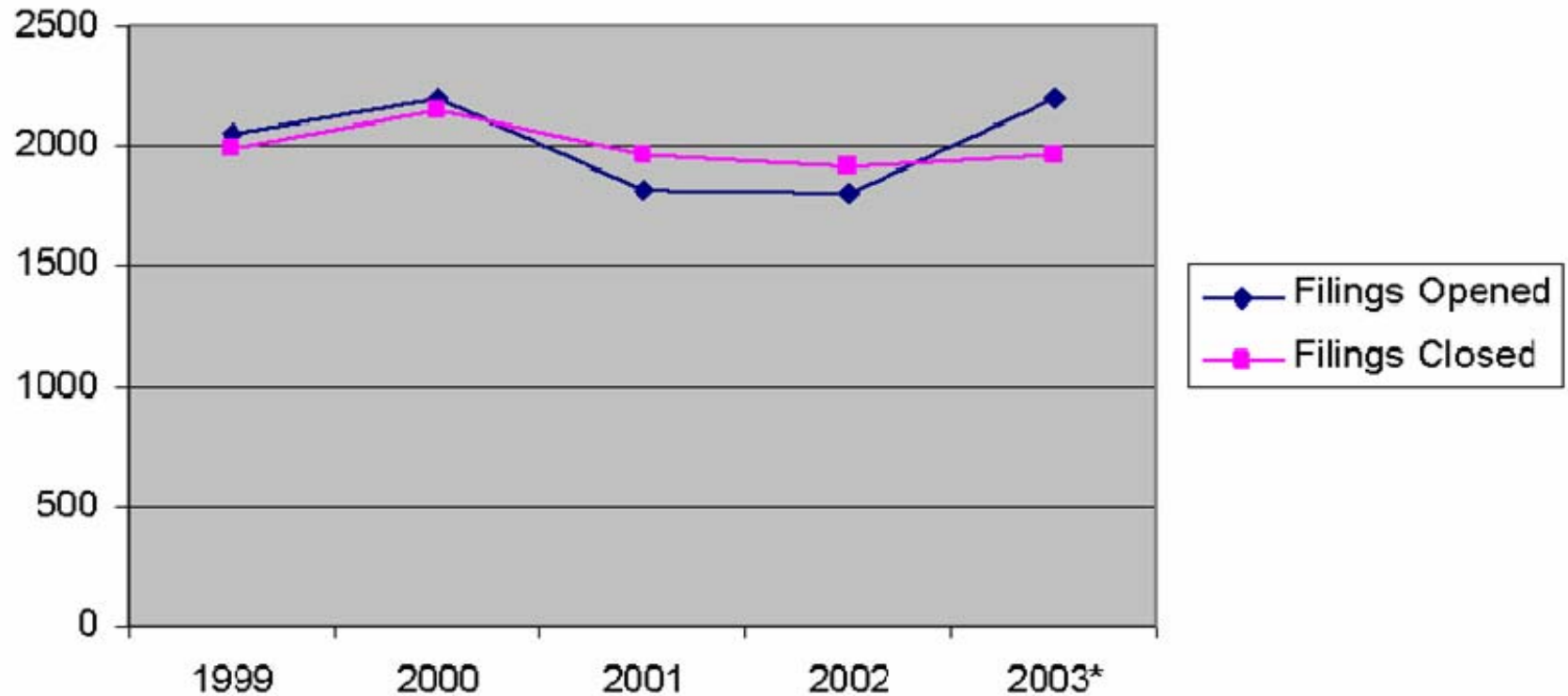
AG UTC DIVISION MISSION AND VALUES

Facilitate the Commission's protection of utility consumers through the establishment and enforcement of:

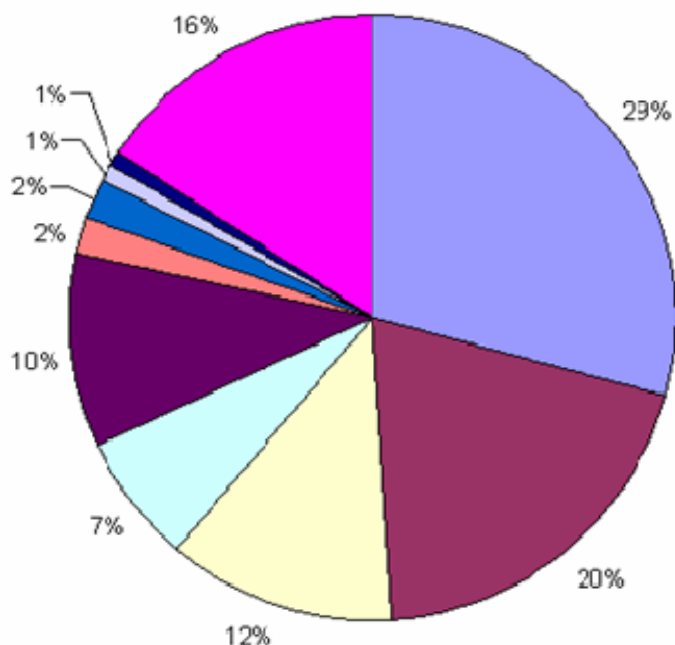
- Fair, just, and reasonable rates that reflect the true cost of service (including a reasonable profit) of investor-owned electric, gas, phone, water, garbage and transportation companies,
- Rules and decisions that ensure that utility services are safe and adequate and that companies provide them under terms that are just and reasonable, and
- Rules and decisions that harness the benefits of competition in the supply of telecommunications services.

Facilitate the Commission's protection of the public from the hazards of railroads and pipelines.

Number of Filings before UTC Over 5-Year Period

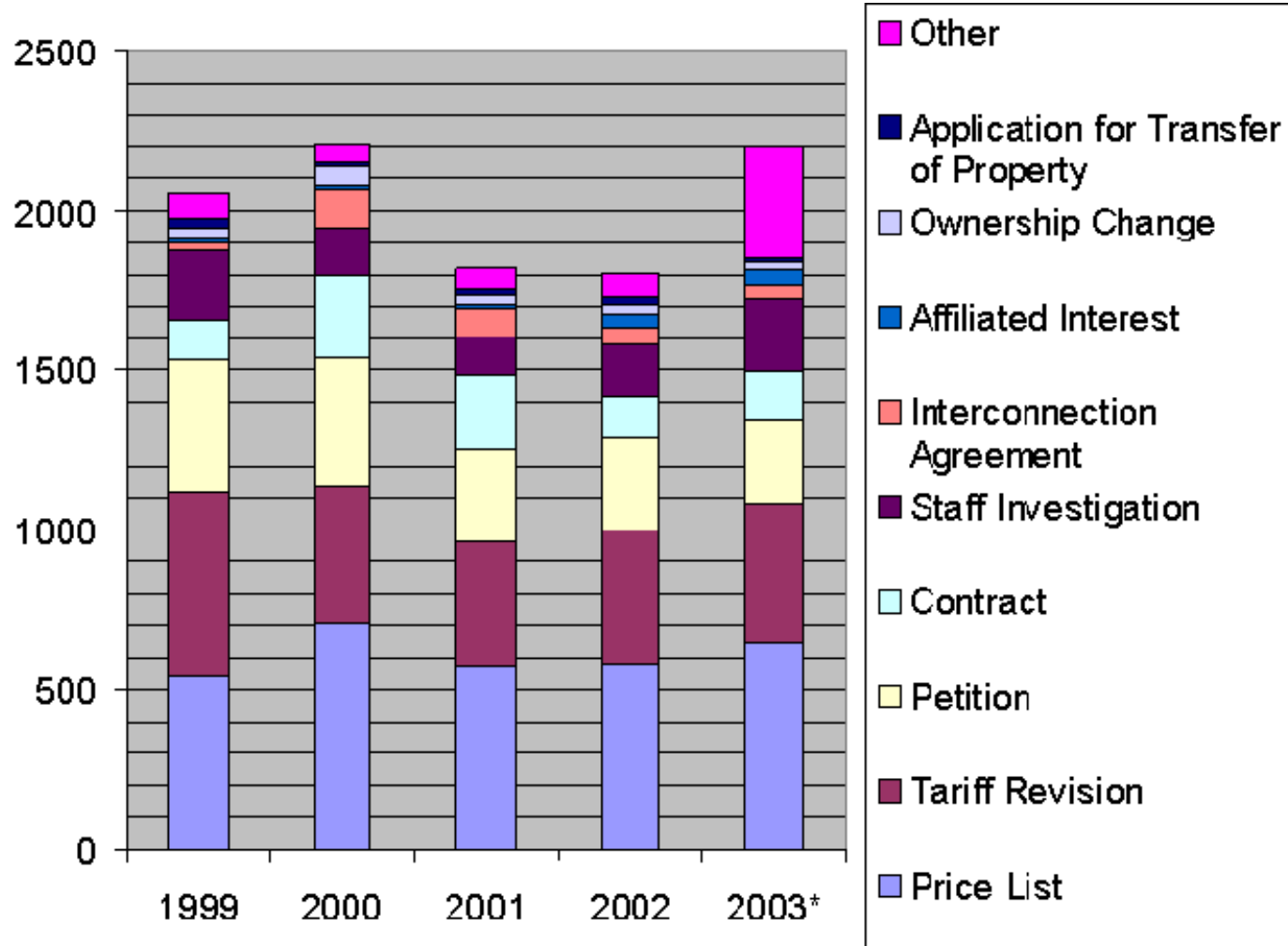


Subject Matters Before the UTC Calendar Year 2003*



- Price List
- Tariff Revision
- Petition
- Contract
- Staff Investigation
- Interconnection Agreement
- Affiliated Interest
- Ownership Change
- Application for Transfer of Property
- Other

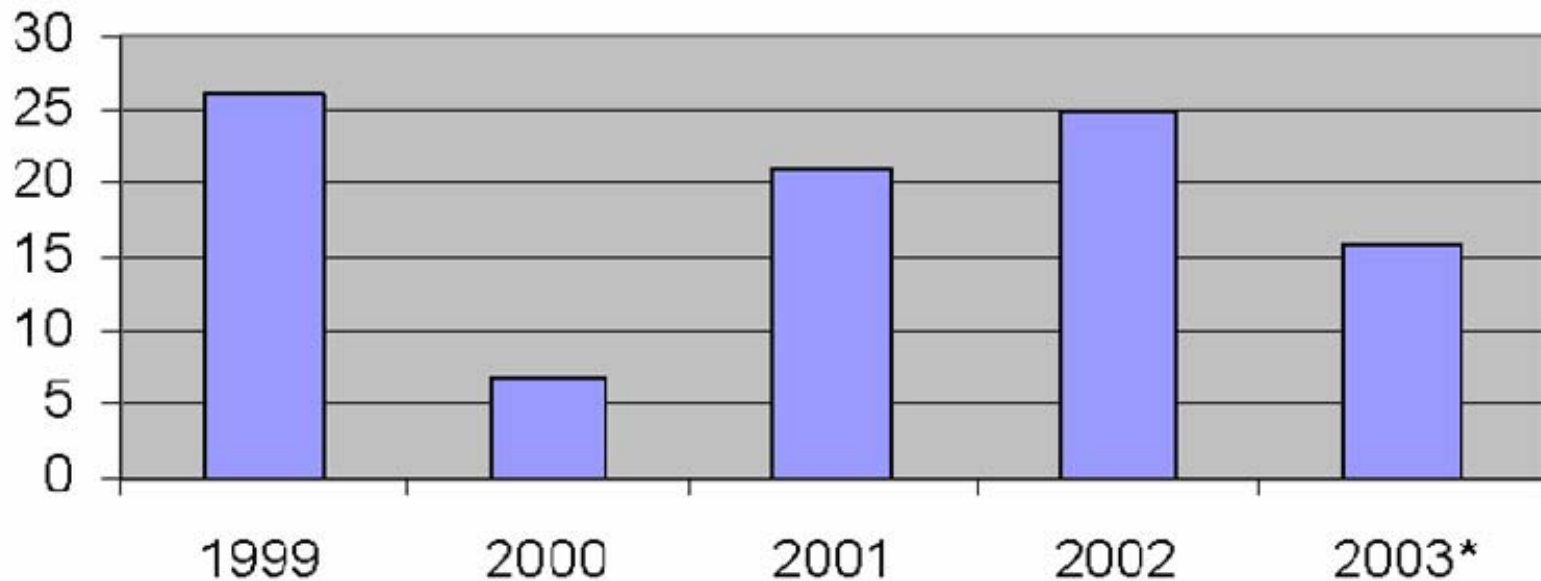
Subject Matters Before the UTC Over Time



Detail on Applications for Transfer of Property



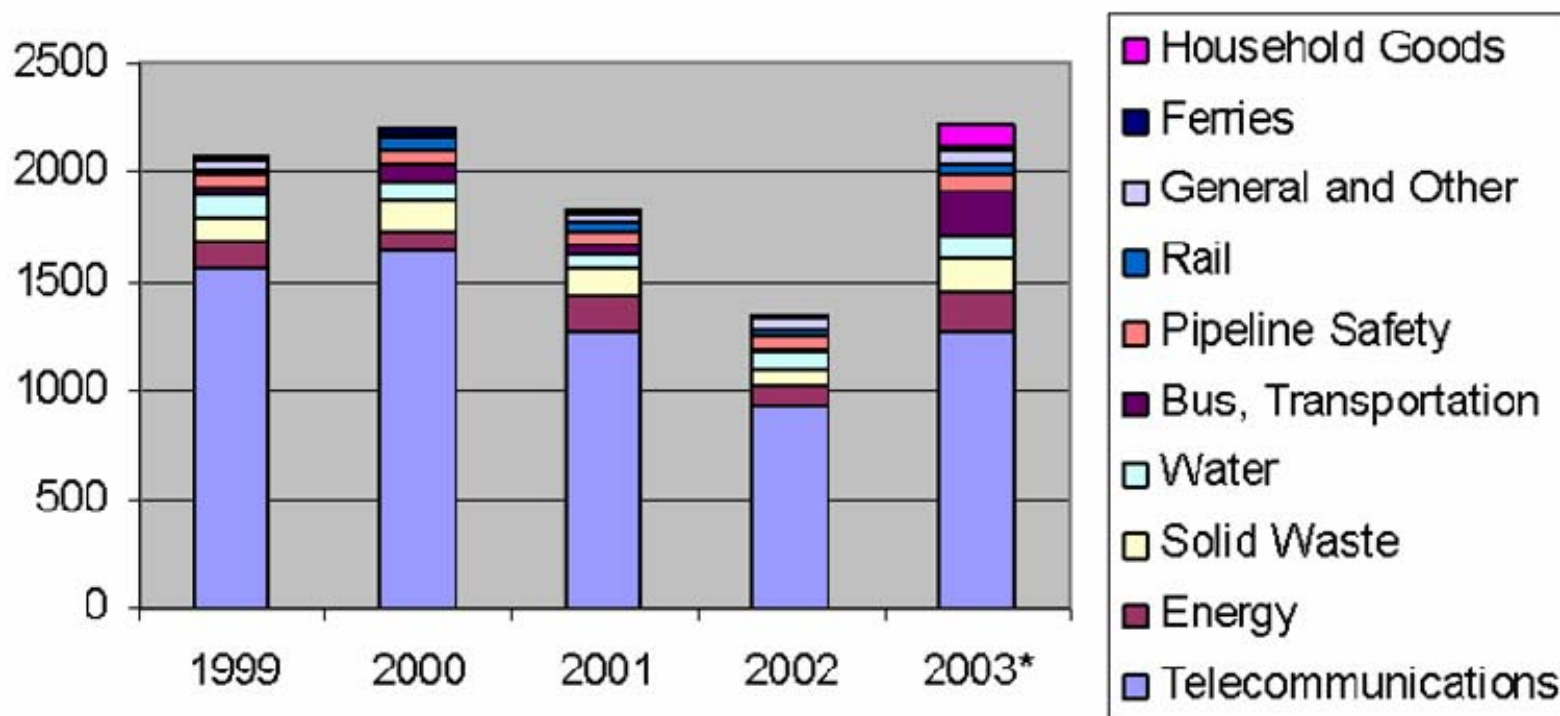
Number of Applications for Transfer of Property



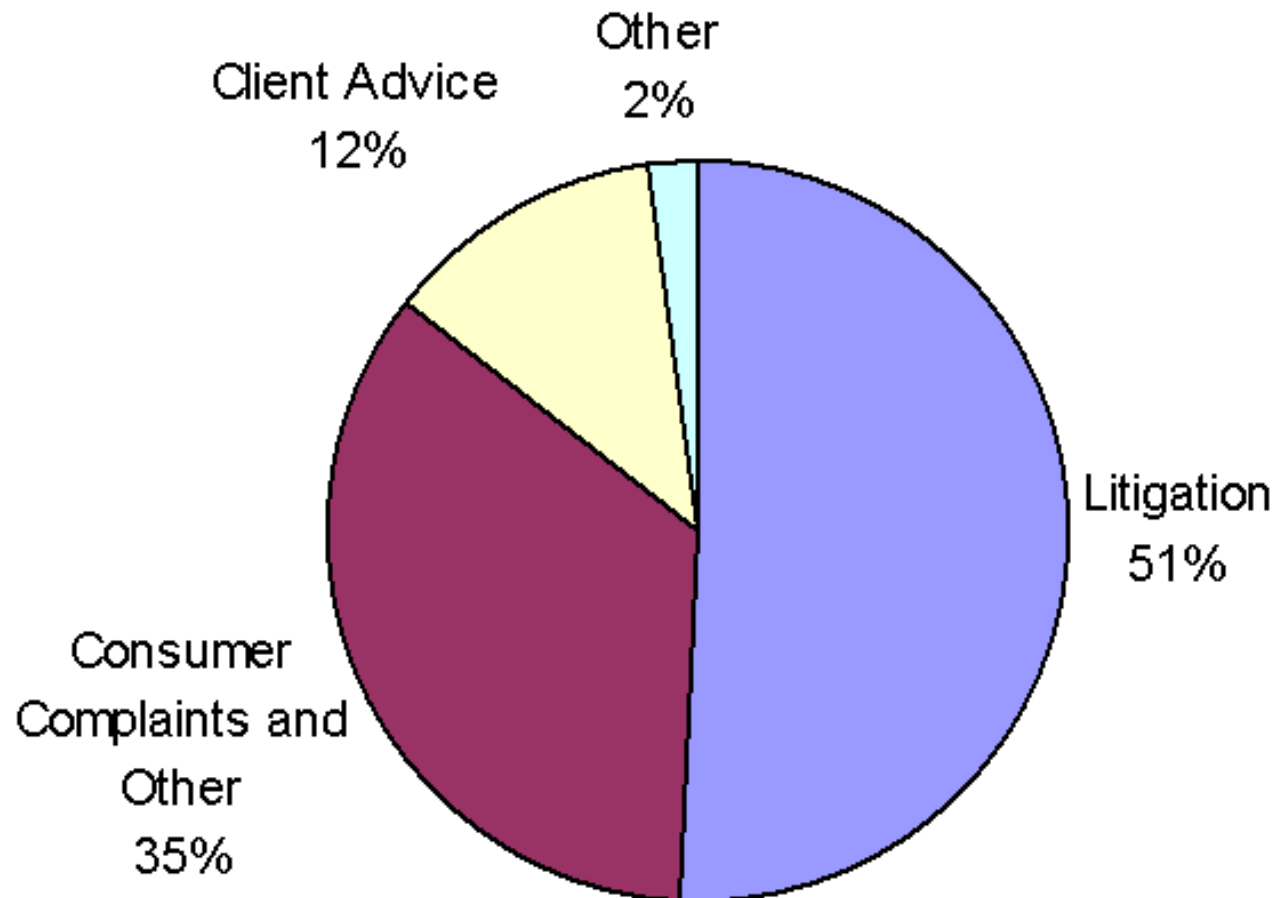
Filings Opened by Industry Over Time



Number of Filings



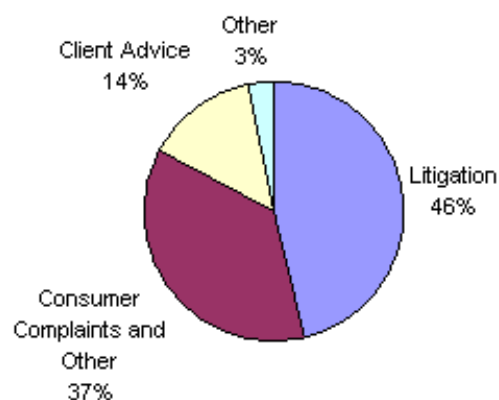
FTE Usage by Activity Level FY 2001-2003



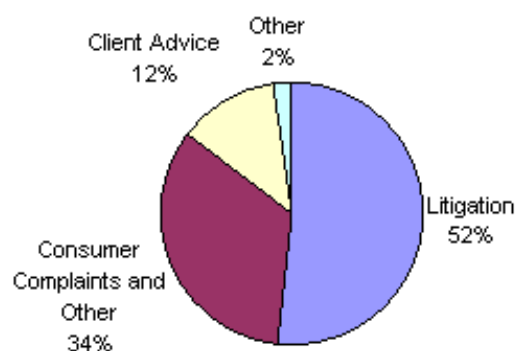
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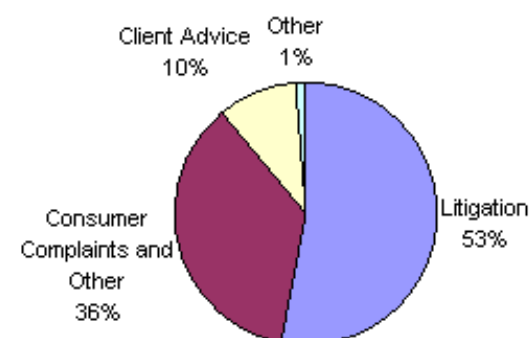
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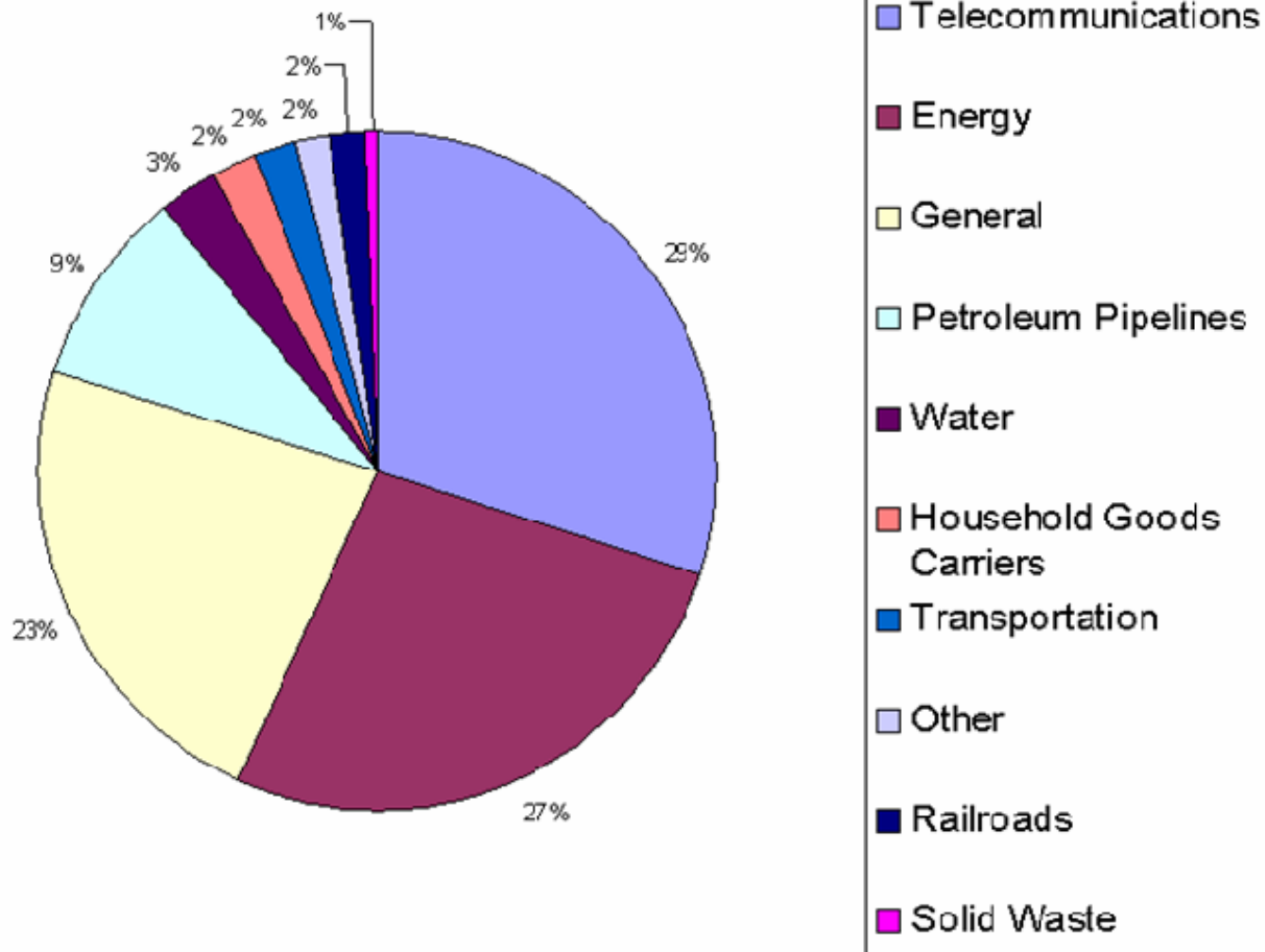
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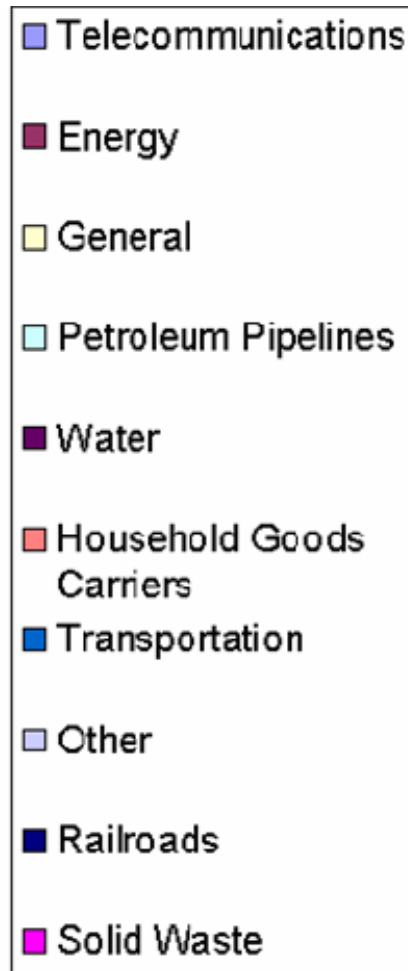
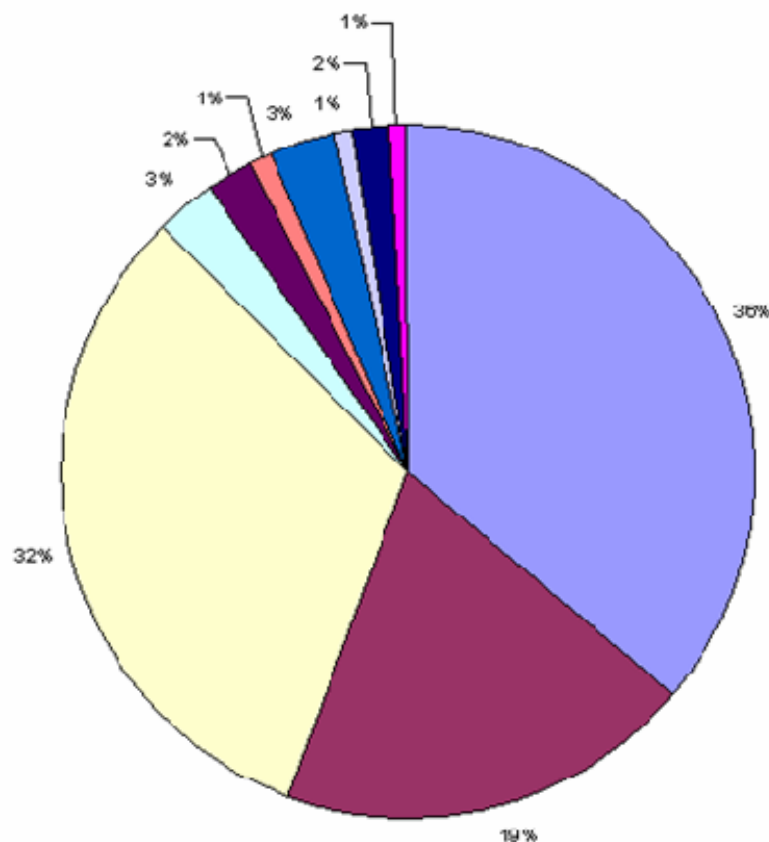
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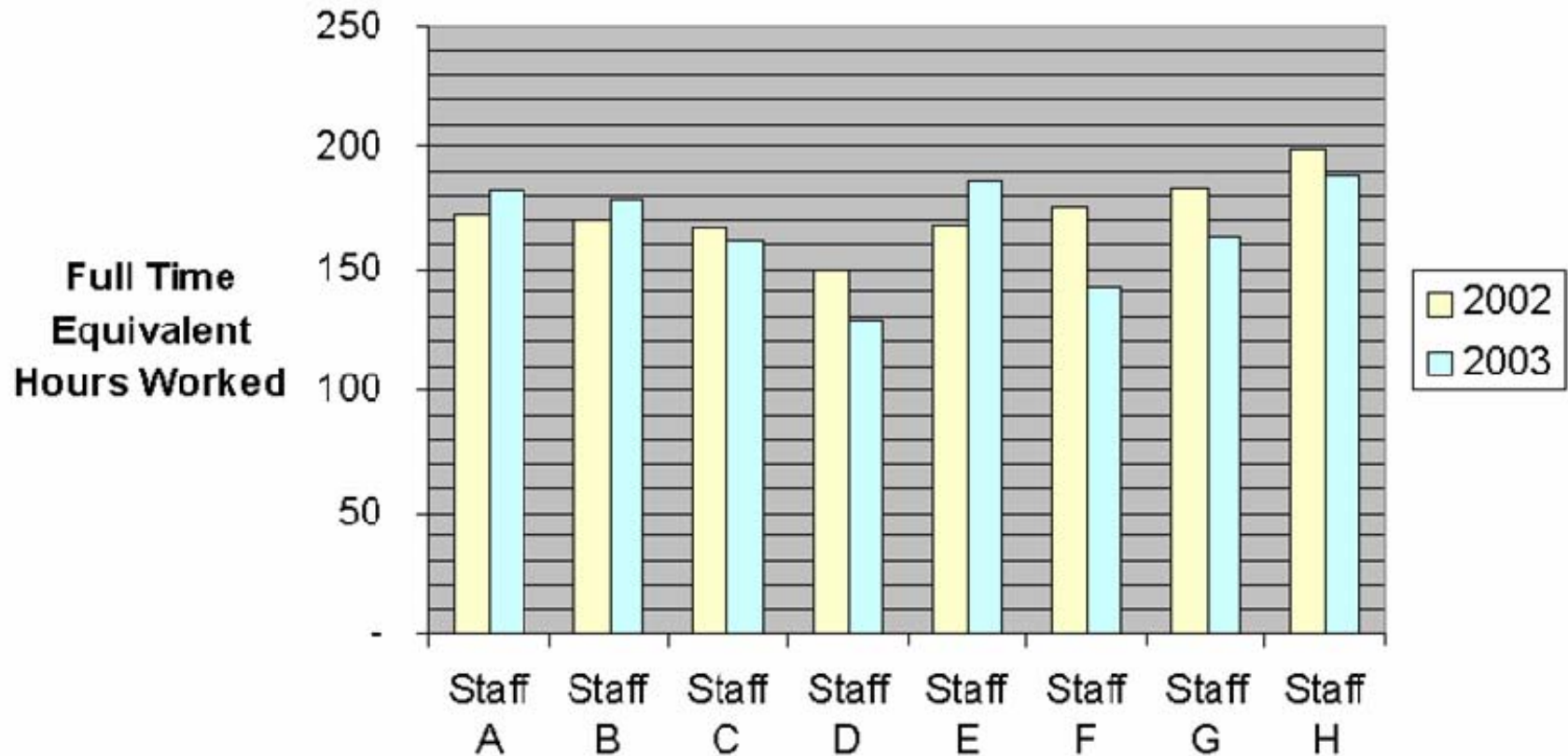
FTE Usage by Industry Category FY 2001-2003



FTE Usage by Industry Category FY 2003-2005 To Date



Staff Average Monthly FTE 2002 and 2003



Status of Appeals Pending During 2002-2003



Superior Court		Outcome
96-2-01357-6	West v. ARCO Chemical Co., et al.	inactive
02-2-01564-3	WITA v. WUTC (RCC Minnesota)	dismissed
02-2-01636-4	WITC v. WUTC (Inland Cellular)	dismissed
02-2-02848-1	Bramerton Kitsap Airport v. WUTC	WUTC
03-2-00009-5	City of Sprague v. WUTC & BNSF	ongoing
03-2-00086-7	Willman & Citizens Standup! Committee v. WUTC, et al.	WUTC
03-2-01095-0	1-800-Reconex, Inc. Show Cause Matter	WUTC
03-2-01614-1	Public Counsel Petition for Review of UE-020417	ongoing
03-2-01695-8	AT&T v. WUTC (re: public disclosure)	ongoing
03-2-01696-6	Comcast v. WUTC	ongoing
03-2-10227-8	Verizon Northwest, Inc. v. WUTC	ongoing
Washington State Court of Appeals		
529935-I	Verizon v. WUTC	WUTC
25954-1-II	WITA v. WUTC	WITA
26832-9-II	WITA v. WUTC	WUTC
28859-1-II	Cities of Auburn et al v. WUTC & PSE	dismissed
29698-5-II	Olympic Pipe Line v. WUTC	WUTC
22411-2-III	Willman and Citizens Standup! Committee v. WUTC	ongoing
Washington State Supreme Court		
71530-1	U&I CAN v. WUTC	WUTC
72330-3	WITA v. WUTC	WUTC
72428-8	WITA v. WUTC	WUTC
74550-1	Verizon v. WUTC	WUTC
United States Bankruptcy Court (Seattle)		
03-14059	In re: Olympic Pipeline Company	plan approved
United States District Court (W.D. Washington (Seattle))		
CV02-2342R	Verizon v. WUTC	Verizon

Status of Appeals Pending During 2002-2003 cont'd



United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (San Francisco)		
00-70611	PSE v. US Dept of Energy	pending
01-35322	Verizon Northwest v. WorldCom and WUTC	WJTC except for penalty amount
01-70041	PSE v. BPA	pending
01-71051	Public Utilities Commission of the State of California v. FERC	pending
03-71626	ICNU v. BPA	pending
03-73523	ICNU, et al. v. BPA	pending
Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council		
99-1	Sumas Energy Co., Inc.	pending
2001-01	Wahluke Power Project EFSEC filing	approved
2001-02	Starbuck Power Company Power Project EFSEC filing	withdrawn
2002-01	BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project	pending
Federal Communications Commission		
94-129	Unauthorized Changes of Consumer Long Distance	pending
96-98	FCC Local Competition/Interconnection Rulemaking	pending
00-45	MCI WorldCom	pending
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission		
CP01-141-000	PG&E Gas Transmission, Northwest Corporation	pending
CP01-179-000	Georgia Pacific Crossing Pipeline	pending
CP01-361-000	Northwest Pipeline Corporation	pending
CP01-49-000	Northwest Pipeline Corp. App. For Certificate of Public Necessity	pending
EC02-30-000	NW Natural Reorganization/Merger (Authorization to Transfer Facilities)	pending
EF00-2012-000	BPA 2002 Wholesale Power Rates	pending
EF00-2012-001	US Dept. of Energy Bonneville Power Administration Rate Case	pending
EL00-95-000, et al.	San Diego Gas & Electric Co., et al. v. Sellers of Energy	pending
EL01-10-000	PSE v. All Jurisdictional Sellers	pending
EL01-47-000	Increasing Energy Supply and Decreasing Energy Consumption	pending
EL01-68-000	FERC Investigation of Wholesale Rates of Public Utility Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Services in the Western Systems Coordinating Council	pending
ER02-605-000	Puget Sound Energy Section 205 Rate Application FERC filing	pending
RM01-10-000	FERC Rulemaking re Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers	pending
RM01-12-000	FERC Rulemaking re Standard Market Design	pending
RP95-409-000	Northwest Pipeline Corp. Rate Request	pending



**Evaluations
Completed
On Time
in 2003:
100%**

Management Challenges



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- Acclimate one new support person & one new attorney.
 - Need to share and gain acceptance by division staff of AGMAP-tracked data.
 - High workload expected in 2004 due to several major cases in Energy, and continued high workload in Telecommunications.
 - Devise ways to better track constituent correspondence and informal client advice.

Successes



- Satisfactory outcomes on a number of large rate cases.
 - Avista Utilities petition for recovery of \$196 million in deferred power costs. Settled for 90%, spread over at least a 3-year longer period.
 - Avista Utilities interim and general (18%) rate increase requests of \$63.6 million. Settled for \$45.7 million.
 - Puget Sound Energy interim rate relief request and general (~16%) rate increase requests of \$314.2 million. Settled for \$94.6 million.
 - Olympic Pipeline general rate increase (76%) request of \$24.6 million. Relief granted in the amount of \$367,643 (2.5%).
 - Qwest DEX Transfer of Property Application

Acronyms



ILEC WSCC TRO ROD LATA LNP VOIP
BPA CLEC PRAM LEC ILEC WITA MSP
ISDN QPID IXC ICNU OSS DSS
SGAT PAL AGMAP DFC
IOUs ROR PCA BOC MSA NECA HFPL
EEL QPAP ERM POP ETC USTA UNE-P CIAC
FASB OSP CLLI AFUDC ADSL ROR PGA
ELG ROC MFJ RTO DSL ETC SLC NAC
TRO EBITDA NAR CWIP PEPP
ISP SN CRAC EAS
NERC LTPA (PID) IURs TELRIC PIU