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Hello,

I find it appalling that utilities are petitioning to be allowed to charge consumers more for consuming less power during the pandemic.

This really should not be a question to ask consumers who in large part have been left to their own devices to weather this sea of job losses, personal losses and massive financial impacts.

In fairness, the profits/revenue was lower due to lower consumption. But these utilities are immensely profitable, manage to pay excellent salaries to their personnel and have money in the bank set aside just for rising out lower revenue times. They can also issue bonds, liquidate excess or obsolete equipment and so on. Utilities have considerable resources while consumers very little in comparison.

I would move that the UTL deny the request, and if I were on the Board, I would do so with prejudice so utilities would know in the future that they are responsible for managing their finances and not to expect consumers to make up shortfalls not of the consumer's making.

Thanks  
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