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Dear Commissioners,

This is a comment regarding Docket # U-200281

The Transit Riders Union is a Seattle-based organization advocating for better public transit and all other issues affecting our members' quality of life, including access to basic and necessary services like water, gas, electricity and other utilities.

During this pandemic and recession, it's essential that every Washington state resident can count on uninterrupted, stable, and debt-free utility service. We are extremely concerned that right now many people are at risk of losing access to utilities.

We are calling on the Utilities and Transportation Commission to do everything in its power to ensure that people have access to stable, debt-free utility service during this pandemic and beyond. This includes:

- Extend the moratorium on utility shut-offs to at least April 30, or whenever all the counties in a utility's service territory have been in Phase 4 of Washington's Safe Start Plan for at least 60 days.
- No debt for poor and working class families
- Just payment plans for all utilities
- No late fees, disconnection fees, or reporting to credit agencies
- Ratepayers should not have to pay for all COVID costs during this global crisis -- utilities must consider cutting executive and/or shareholder pay to ensure people's basic health and safety.

Thank you,

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*The Transit Riders Union is a democratic organization of working and poor people, including students, seniors, and people with disabilities, taking control over our own lives, and building up the power we need to change society for the good of humanity and of the planet. We will fight to preserve, expand, and improve the public transportation system in Seattle and beyond, so that every human being has access to safe, affordable, and reliable public transit.*

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