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Dear Commissioners,

This is a comment regarding Docket # U-200281

We, at the Conversation, are a South sound group whose goal is to promote social justice through ideas, ideals and action. Our foundational principle is justice for all. We are living in unprecedented times. The air is at hazardous levels, unemployment rates are at record highs and people aren't able to pay for rent utilities and food. For many, there is no relief in sight. With the challenges that Covid 19 brings, people shouldn't have to worry about having their utilities shut off. At this moment, it is clearer than ever that *access* to utilities is itself threatened for large numbers of people in this state. Utilities are more essential than ever to keep our communities healthy and safe.

We're asking 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
- Just payment plans for all utilities
- No late fees, disconnection fees, or reporting to credit agencies

Thank you for your consideration,
Barbara Church, the Conversation