From: <u>David Morton</u>

To: <u>UTC DL Records Center</u>

Subject: Comment regarding Docket # U-200281

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Dear Commissioners,

This is a comment regarding Docket # U-200281

My name is David Morton, and I am a resident of unincorporated King County. I am an environmental activist with ties to a few environmental organizations. I care about Washingtonians who are suffering right now due to impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, the economic downturn, unemployment, and social and racial injustice. I am asking the UTC and utilities to show compassion and to help reduce the suffering of those unable to pay their utility bills during these challenging times.

I am 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:

- No debt for poor and working class families
- Just payment plans for all utilities
- No fees and disconnects

Please have compassion. Some people are suffering during these difficult times and are experiencing reduced incomes. Please do not disconnect their utility services. Doing so would likely increase their suffering.

Thank you, **David Morton**