

06/16/20 09:52

State Of WASH.
UTIL. AND TRANSP.
COMMISSION

From: [Barbara Church](#)
To: [UTC DL Records Center](#)
Cc: [Oneida](#); [Barbara Church](#)
Subject: Access to Utilities
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 9:37:15 AM

To: UTC Commissioners
From: The Conversation
Re: Docket # U-200281
Date: June 16, 2020

We are members of The Conversation, a South Sound social justice group. We promote social justice through ideas, ideals, and action. Our foundational principle is “Justice for All.” We envision a world free of racism, mistrust, and intentional harm. We know that communities of color and the poor have been disproportionately impacted by Covid 19. Consequently, it is essential for these communities to have access to utilities simply to meet basic needs as well as to have access to education for their children.

Covid 19 has been an economic shock for so many of us. Because of this disruption, 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 service during this pandemic and beyond.

Including:

1. No debt for poor and working families.
2. Just payment plans for all utilities and increased current discounts and other financial assistance for people unable to pay their utility bills.
3. No fees and disconnects

As communities struggle during this unprecedented time to follow the mandates that keep us all healthy, they must continue to keep their families housed and feed as access grows ever more difficult.

Thank you, Oneida Arnold and Barbara Church,
The Conversation