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Dear UTC Commissioners,

We urge you to reject the utilities' deferred accounting petitions and issue a statement calling for shared sacrifice from the utilities.

The utilities are not guaranteed profit and are not exhibiting any signs of financial trouble from the pandemic. These deferred accounting petitions are the utilities' attempt at guaranteeing hundreds of millions in profit for shareholders and executives without making an offer of shared sacrifice to Washington residents during a historic public health and economic crisis. The deferred accounting petitions are too broad, don't require the utilities to track savings just as closely as they track costs, and include discriminatory fees that the utilities have been prohibited from collecting by Governor Inslee.

Year after year, Puget Sound Energy, Avista, PacifiCorp, Northwest Natural, and Cascade Natural Gas make hundreds of millions in profit. They collectively paid \$446 million to their shareholders and top executives in 2019 alone (1). Meanwhile, Latinx, Indigenous, Pacific Islander, and Black households are suffering from COVID-19 at disproportionately high rates (2) and nearly a million Washingtonians are receiving food assistance, up 17% from February. (3)

Please help those who are being impacted the most by this pandemic. As a shareholder in utilities, I see it as my duty to forgo my dividends so that those who are struggling to pay their bills can get help with that basic human need.

We urge you to put people before utility profit. Help Washington to equitably power through the pandemic, and require utilities to share in the sacrifice demanded of us all.

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(1) According to 2019 filings to the Securities and Exchange Commission on dividends and executive compensation.

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