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Dear Washington Utilities Commission,

It is time for the rate payers, the tax payers and the customers of companies are treated fairly to keep their homes, their jobs and their safety all the rights to pursue happiness in our nation. I am tired of people in certain positions reaping monetary benefits beyond the value of their contribution to keeping the company able to meet the needs of their customers.

In other words, the profits could be shared back to those who funded those profits. How do many mansions and other over the top purchases make life better, when there are communities that could use grants or straight donations for infrastructure for the populations in need.

Thank you for asking!

As the COVID-19 crisis enters its worst month yet, we urge you to reject the utilities? deferred accounting petitions and issue a statement calling for shared sacrifice from the utilities during this unprecedented time. Utilities are not guaranteed profit and are not exhibiting any signs of financial trouble from the pandemic. Yet these deferred accounting petitions will virtually guarantee hundreds of millions in profit for shareholders and executives without asking for anything in return.

It's critical that the UTC does everything it can to protect people suffering from illness, unemployment, and underemployment. I am asking commissioners to not force customers to pay for these extraordinary COVID costs -- the fees, mounting debt, interest payments that most deeply impact low-income communities and communities of color. Businesses and families across the state have already suffered enough. Massive corporate utility profits should be used to pay for COVID costs for the families most in need. Everyone needs to share in the sacrifice.

Please reject the utilities? deferred accounting petitions. They are too broad, include reimbursement for discriminatory fees that the utilities have been prohibited from collecting by Governor Inslee, and don't require the utilities to track savings as closely as they track costs. We urge you to put people before utility profit, and require utilities to share in the sacrifice demanded of us all.

Sincerely,

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