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Dear Utilities and Transportation Commission Washington State,

As climate fires blaze across the West and endanger communities and public health across our region that is already facing economic precarity, it is more clear than ever that energy justice and tackling the climate crisis must go hand in hand.

Today, massive corporations like Puget Sound Energy, Cascade Natural Gas, and Avista continue to make shareholder profits and have exorbitant executive pay while refusing to contribute to the COVID crisis that is disproportionately hurting low-income families. They expect customers to pay 100% of all the costs related to this global pandemic while reaping profits. And now they may start moving to cut off people's gas and electric utilities.

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. Together, we must make sure that Washingtonians can count on essential utilities.

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:

- Extend the moratorium on utility shut-offs to at least April 30, or whenever all the counties in a utility's service territory have been in Phase 4 of Washington's Safe Start Plan for at least 60 days.
- No debt for poor and working class families.
- Just payment plans for all utilities.
- No late fees, disconnection fees, or reporting to credit agencies.
- Ratepayers should not have to pay for all COVID costs during this global crisis -- utilities must consider cutting executive and/or shareholder pay to ensure people's basic health and safety.

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