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Dear Commissioners,

This is a comment regarding **Docket # U-200281**.

[Stand.earth](#) is a non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of the environment and communities. We have long advocated for Washington's transition from dirty and dangerous fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy – and for all communities to have access to reliable energy and clean air.

At this time, the most vulnerable in Washington State are being most impacted by a multitude of crises: from the economic crisis, to climate-change-fueled fires and air pollution, to the COVID-19 health crisis.

Our goal, shared by many other advocacy and community groups, is for every Washington resident to have uninterrupted, stable, and debt-free utility service.

**Stand is joining our allies and impacted communities in 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.**

We are in an extraordinary moment and it falls on our leaders – including yourselves – to take necessary action that will secure the resiliency and safety of our communities. Debt-

free utility service is one such policy that will have important and lasting impacts on countless people across the state. We need your leadership now and we urge you to take the steps outlined above.

Thank you,

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I live and work on unceded ancestral lands of the Duwamish people – the first people of Seattle, WA. If you also occupy Duwamish land, I encourage you to consider paying [Real Rent](#).

Stand is an advocacy organization that brings people together to demand that corporations and governments put people and the environment first.

