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Dear Chair Danner and Commissioners Rendahl and Balasbas,

As you know, COVID-19 is having a devastating impact on low-income households. Living paycheck to paycheck, millions of Americans already faced uncertainty. Low-income families and families of color struggle with a high energy burden that predates the pandemic: these households spend a much higher percentage of their income on utility bills than the average family. COVID-19 has intensified these persistent financial challenges, with the economic fallout resulting in widespread layoffs for low-wage workers who disproportionately work in industries like food service and retail. And when the family is home all day, utility bills are even less affordable than normal. Many households have fewer checks coming in and little savings on hand.

I am writing to you to ask for your help in ensuring that people do not have to choose between feeding their families or paying their utility bills.

Please protect gas and electric utility customers from the unprecedented COVID health and economic crisis by:

1. Extending the utility moratorium until at least April 30 or until all counties in a service territory achieve Phase 4 of COVID recovery.

2. Provide debt relief and bill payment plans so those customers who are most at risk are not financially devastated by the economic crisis.

3. Ensure utility shareholders and top executives pay their fair share so customers are not stuck with 100% of the costs from this crisis.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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