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**Subject:** FW: Extend the utility disconnection moratorium  
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-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 10:06 AM  
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Subject: FW: Extend the utility disconnection moratorium

FYI

This came to the PUC.PublicMeetings inbox.

Kristi

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-----Original Message-----

From: Amy Basil <basil.amy@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 9:57 AM  
To: PUC puc.publicmeetings \* PUC <PUC.PUBLICMEETINGS@puc.oregon.gov>  
Subject: Extend the utility disconnection moratorium

Dear Public Utility Commissioners,

The State of Oregon should be doing everything it can to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by ensuring people can stay at home, which means extending the power shut off moratorium.

COVID-19 is still impacting people across Oregon, especially low-income, Black, Indigenous, and communities of color. The National Bureau of Economic Research found that utility shut-offs increase the likelihood of COVID-19 infections and impact already communities most vulnerable to COVID-19. The majority of Oregonians live in areas that are at extreme and high risk of COVID-19 transmission and over 2,000 Oregonians have died from the virus.

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Shutting off power can harm families and workers already deeply impacted by loss of income and even loss of loved ones during the pandemic. Children can't attend online school if their power is shut off. Power shut offs can even result in death for people who need electricity to run critical home medical equipment.

We have the chance to extend this life-saving protection and keep the power on for people across Oregon struggling to pay their bills during the pandemic and economic recession.

I urge you to extend the utility disconnection moratorium beyond its current proposed date of April 1, 2021.

Sincerely,

[ADD YOUR NAME HERE]