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Attention: Lisa Hardie  
John Savage  
Stephen Bloom

Esteemed gentlemen and lady,

I'm writing this letter upon suggestion by the Jackson County Fuel Committee and this is a request that you seriously consider the concept of heat/cold weather moratoriums in our beautiful state of Oregon. Oregon is the state where the cold-related death rate in its rural counties is 6-7 times the national average. Although we hate to admit it, we Oregonians live in a relatively poor state. Also, I understand that currently a utility company in Oregon can shut off a person <sup>who</sup> ~~that~~ requires round-the-clock oxygen or a diabetic person who requires that ~~the~~ his or her insulin be refrigerated.

The Fuel Committee calls on Oregon's Public Utility Commission to enact a moratorium from October through March for all those who are at or below 200% of the poverty line. We also call on the P.U.C. to act within 24 hours to establish the fact of "extreme weather condition" and then invoke the moratorium to times when the temperature is less than 55°F (fifty-five) and greater than 90°F (ninety).

There is a need for the P.U.C. to be more responsive to the needs of Oregon's citizens because we've seen how it has raised Pacific Power's rates by 60% since 2006, far exceeding

the income average.

Respectfully submitted,  
Victor E. Conway