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To: Lisa Hardie

Regarding: Docket AR-601: in the matter or rulemaking regarding severe weather moratorium on service disconnections

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It is the people that are getting devastated. They are the ones that budget their money for their bills. So when Oregon has a bad cold winter they feel helpless because they have no way of paying due to their budgeting. Most people do not mind paying their Power bills; it is the spike in prices for the winter that causes the problem. They need time to find the funds to cover it. This Moratorium would allow them to do that.

It is not the people at Pacific Power: They are just doing their jobs. And the Pacific Power Advocacy has allowed us to help the people in need by allowing JCFC to get extensions so that we have time to stop members from being shut off. It is the Corporation itself that has to have a 10% profit and people are just numbers to them; they do not care if people die of lack of heat or heat exposure. This Moratorium would help the people and JCFC to pursue helping people with their Past due bill, instead of having a 48 hr. shut-off notice, making them think they are defeated and have their families go cold in the winter. As you know it can get up to 50 degrees in the daytime but will plummet below 32-25 degrees at night here in Oregon. Although the PUC is looking into this Moratorium, they are dragging their feet to get it done.

We call on Oregon's Public Utility Commission to enact a moratorium from October through March for all those who are at or below the 200% of the poverty line. We also call on them to extend moratorium to times when the temperature exceeds 90 degrees.

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