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More than 7,700 Join AARP Texas Request To Halt Electricity Disconnects

AUSTIN, Texas -- AARP Texas has delivered the names of more than 7,700 Texans who back an emergency request to the Public Utility Commission to halt electricity disconnects through mid-September.

“Dangerous heat continues to swamp Texas and many people simply cannot get by here without air conditioning in their homes,” said AARP Texas Director Tina Tran. “Now is not the time to disconnect utility service who cannot afford to pay the light bill.”

AARP Texas and the Texas Consumer Association formally requested in mid-July that the Public Utility Commission suspend its rules pertaining to disconnection of electric service during extreme weather. The organizations continue to push for action from the PUC.

The PUC’s disconnection rule for extreme weather applies on a utility-specific basis and is tied to specific days, such as when a National Weather Service heat advisory is in place or has been for two days. AARP contends that this rule makes it difficult for customers to know when a local disconnection ban is in effect and impossible to predict when the ban might be lifted and the power could be shut off.

Find here more information about the AARP request to the PUC, including a list of the 7,700+ backers of AARP’s emergency request.

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