

Governor M. Jodi Rell today announced that she has written to the chief executives of Connecticut electric and gas companies requesting that they voluntarily extend the “no-shutoff” winter moratorium for delinquent customers from May 1 to June 1 because of the extended financial hardships families are facing in this recession.

“More and more ratepayers are falling behind, many because they have lost their jobs in this poor economy,” Governor Rell wrote. “It is my hope that you will continue to work with them to develop an acceptable payment plan. Your flexibility and willingness to give them even one more month could be a tremendous help for those families struggling to pay all their bills.”

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<http://www.ct.gov/governorrell/cwp/view.asp?A=3675&q=439274> .