

N.J.'s 3 major power companies won't shut off service for non-payment during coronavirus outbreak
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New Jersey's three major power companies on Friday said they won't shut off gas and electric to residential customers who don't pay their bills during the coronavirus pandemic.

"In the interest of protecting public health, PSE&G is temporarily suspending shutoffs of electric or gas service to residential customers for non-payment. This policy is effective immediately," the utility company said in a statement.

PSE&G says they want to alleviate concerns of customers experiencing financial difficulty during the coronavirus outbreak.

"We recognize that customers may experience financial difficulty as a result of the outbreak, whether they or a family member fall ill, are required to quarantine, or because their income is otherwise affected," the statement said.

JCP&L made a similar announcement on Friday. "Effective today, we have decided to suspend service shutoffs for past-due customers," said Aaron Ruegg, a spokesman for parent company First Energy.

Ruegg said the company has not decided when the suspension will end.

A spokesman for Atlantic City Electric said Friday the utility company is working on a similar policy and plans to make an announcement soon.