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I support limiting any utility from collecting fees from consumers to offset the liability of judgements entered against said utility.

Additionally I support restricting the utility from distributing profits to shareholders if there are outstanding unpaid judgments.

Being a member of the James class action against PacifiCorp, who suffered a total loss of our house and contents, I have seen the standard practice utilities take when faced with a legal judgment against them; a utility will stall, look for relief from consumers by way of rate hikes, and do all they can to bog down the judicial system while continuing to distribute profits to shareholders rather than compensate the victims of their poor decisions and business practices.

It has been over 3 years since PacifiCorp was found liable, and grossly negligent for the 2020 wildfires, and yet despite their insincere claim that they are not disputing the economic damages, and despite the fact that the parent company, Berkshire Hathaway, is holding \$350 Billion in cash, there has been literally NO payments made toward any of the hundreds of millions of dollars in judgments against them.

Hold the utilities responsible for the damage they cause and prioritize the people of Oregon.