

Dear Memphis Community Leaders,

We, the undersigned concerned Memphians, are requesting that MLGW issue a request for proposals (RFP) in order to determine how much money Memphians could save by switching to a cheaper and cleaner supply of energy.

As we work together as a community under COVID-19, with a projected rise in extreme poverty that will further impact our energy burden, it is more important now than ever to choose clean, affordable, and renewable options that provide positive opportunities for job creation and economic development as we move forward with our energy future.

Memphis and Shelby County could save at least 120 million dollars, with several studies suggesting higher amounts of savings if MLGW purchased its power from a new supply, but the only way to know for sure what the savings would be is to get actual proposals from alternate power suppliers. An RFP will give concrete numbers for how much Memphians can save by moving to another power provider.

Because energy affects so many areas of our lives, we believe energy equity is among the top human rights issues of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Moreover, it is imperative that decision makers in this process like you are exposed to clear choices, multiple options, and firm data with the most up to date information available regarding our energy future. We judge that an RFP will help equip you with just that before you make this historic decision that will impact us, our children, and our children's children.

Thank you for your consideration, and we are looking forward to a positive decision that will help us move towards a cleaner, more affordable, and equitable energy future.

Sincerely,

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