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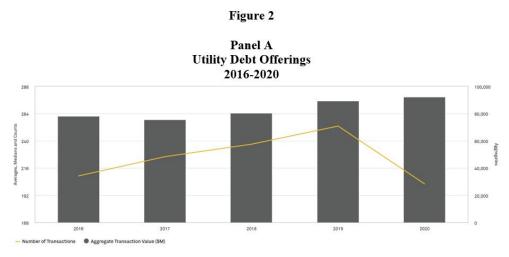
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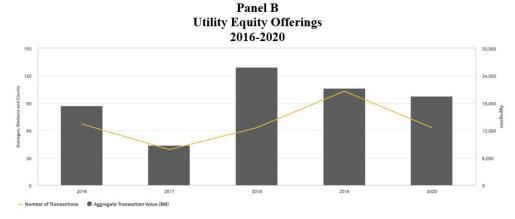
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## 178 Q. HAVE UTILITIES TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE LOWER BOND YIELDS 179 TO RAISE CAPITAL?

Yes. Figure 2 shows the amount of capital raised in debt (Panel A) and equity capital markets from 2016-2020. Utilities have especially taken advantage of the low interest rates; as of October 2, 2020, they have already raised a record amount of capital in the debt markets this year. The amount of equity raised by utilities is shown in Panel B. For 2020 year-to-date, the amount of equity is down a little relative to 2019, but this figure is only for the first nine months of 2020.



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