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Commissioner Ted Stewart
Public Service Commission
Heber Wells Building
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MAIL

Dear Commissioner ^{Ted} Stewart:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed merger of Utah Power and Light and Pacificorp. Although I am not privy to detailed information regarding merger that will or has been provided yourself, I have sought to stay informed on the subject.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that government owned utilities intend to do everything within their power to block the merger. This development troubles me inasmuch as delays do not seem to be in the UP&L ratepayers best interest. I have been generally supportive of municipal power because of the competitive element that it has introduced into the Utah marketplace. However, I am concerned about delays to what appears to be a very good merger for UP&L ratepayers. I have wondered if the delays were to "buy time" for municipal groups to try to build momentum for a municipal buyout of UP&L. I was approached by a representative of Orem City, where I reside, a few weeks ago to consider just such a effort.

Ted, I'm not sure at what point total socialism in this market should be condoned, but I am not ready to condone it. It is one thing to have a few municipal power generators and transmitters, it is another thing to allow the whole electric utility industry in Utah to be owned by government.

I hope for a thorough yet expeditious treatment of this matter on the part of the Public Service Commission. Please let me know developments that you feel I should be appraised of.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of Paul Rogers in cursive.

PAUL ROGERS
State Senator, District 14

cc: Commissioner Brent Cameron, Chairman
Commissioner James Byrne