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Public Service Commission of Utah
Heber Wells Building
100 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Dear Mr. Stewart and Members:

I have reviewed and studied all the public material available with regards to the proposed merger between Utah Power and Light Company and Pacific Power and Light Company.

Therefore! It Behooves me, to take the opportunity and voice my opinion, in writing, to your Honorable Commission about my evaluation for the merger.

There is no question in my mind, as to the positive conditions it will provide for Utah and it's residents.

- 1.) I am confident Utah ratepayers should benefit from the lower rates provided by Pacific Power.
- 2.) Shareholders should witness an increase in dividends from the broader market the merger will create.
- 3.) I believe this merger will allow utilization of cheaper electrical power within the boundaries of Utah, while opening new markets in the Southwestern States for the needs of Utah Power and Light's surplus power from more expensive Coal fired generators, such as their long-term contract with Nevada Power Company.
- 4.) Power shortages experienced in the areas of Southern Utah should be completely eliminated.

I agree with the editorial comment by the Deseret News, "It's hard to argue against an arrangement where everybody comes out a winner".

Your favorable consideration will be greatly appreciated, and I have no conflict of interest to declare with this issue.

Respectfully Yours,


Arlo D. James

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