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Utah Public Service Commission

I am writing the commission concerning the approval of the merger of UP&L and Pacific Corp. handed down by the FERC. The merger as originally proposed was shaky at best considering the track record of the officers of UP&L, but the decision that was handed down does not even resemble the proposal submitted. As it would end up, the new company would end up as division of FERC, and the rate payers of Utah would not only be subsidizing every REA and Municipality but they would be giving away assets that were bought and paid for by the rate payers over the years.

The sad truth is that the officers of UP&L would probably approve any thing that was handed down, just so they could get the opportunity to pull the rip cord on their golden parachute. These people would sell their mothers if they thought they could get to the gold that has been promised if the merger went through.

It seems the only groups that favor this merger are the officers of the company and some stock analyst who stand to gain if the stock transfer occurs. It is also ironic that the very people who have opposed the merger all along, the public power users, see that all the benefits that the combined power companies would have obtained have vanished and now favor the merger.

As for the rate reduction that was promised it was not feasible with the proposed merger and would be impossible with the conditions set forth by FERC. The sale of excess capacity would be greatly hampered and profit from wheeling would be non existent. Besides the fact that this year has proven that there are no guarantee when it comes to producing cheap hydro power.

It seems the only credible thing to do is to take this ill conceived merger and bury it, before the largest utility in Utah is split between a Portland Oregon company and the federal government. Any merits the merger may have originally had have vanished. Lets not let the same thing happen that happened with the phone company was broken up causing our rates to double.

I can not sign my name due to repercussions to myself as I work for UP&L. However the majority of the employees feel the same way. There have been many lies put forth to get this merger through and the officers in the company have lost credibility. I hope that your commission will take a serious look and see that this is no longer in the publics best interest.

Sincerely
A concerned Employee