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To: Utah Public Service Commission
Utah Power & Light
SERVICE COMMISSION

I just wanted to write a short note as an employee of Utah Power & Light and express some of the feelings many of us have concerning the merger with Pacific Corp. Many were elated when the Administrative Law Judge from FERC gave his denial of the merger. He seemed to be the only person who had weighed the evidence instead of the paper work to make his decision.

What is troubling to many of us is why any group that is supposed to represent Utah interest in utility matters would want to transfer control of a home grown industry to a company in Portland Oregon. It seems very naive to assume that they will be concerned with Utah and its rate payers after the ink is dry. It is also almost a guarantee that if the merger is consummated that despite the promises of the powers that be that many jobs will be lost or transferred and the resulting tax and business revenue lost once again to the state of Utah.

I don't know any employee of Utah Power that is not concerned about the company's well being. The problem in the past years has been in the bad decisions made by upper management. Judge Lewnes hit the nail on the head when he stated that poor management was not an excuse to merge. The same people that are promising the world with this merger are some of the same people who one year ago were being investigated by a grand jury. The propaganda mills at the UP&L and Pacific Corp. have been working overtime to make the ALJ look bad. They act much like the child who was told he could not have a new toy. It is also interesting that John Ward quit the company. I guess that a person can only tell so many lies before they have had enough.

I know that it is a tough to separate all the fact from the fiction in a case like this but I hope that the Utah PSC can come to a fair and equitable decision for all concerned, not just a few select executives with guaranty golden parachutes.

Several Concerned
UP&L Employees