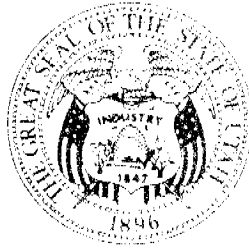


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Commissioners:

I am aware of the proposed merger of Utah Power and Light and PacifiCorp and would like to express my views.

For such a merger to be successful it must be of equal value to the area presently being served by Pacificorp and the area served by UP&L. If it appears there is potential benefit to both, and benefit to Utah, resulting in a reduction of utility rates, and if evidence is available indicating that future rates would be more favorable for our people, I would view a merger as a step in the right direction.

I would also want to be assured that we were not trading a minor reduction in rate for other problems, such as not being able to sell Utah coal in the same amount and frequency after the merger as would be the case if UP&L remained a separate entity.

I would view it as a negative factor if the management and headquarters of UP&L were to be reduced to a skeleton and if the control and policy making ability of the utility would be compromised.

I feel, also, that the burden of proof is on the proponents of the merger to show through clear and convincing evidence that the near and long term benefit would be to the area now being served by UP&L and to all of Utah.

Sincerely yours,

Haven Barlow

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