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Dear Sir's:

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Yes! I am very definately opposed to the merger of Utah Power & Light Co.. with PacifiCorp. It would create another monoply and prevent the electrical power users of Utah from ever obtaining consistent and proven lower rates.

It would prevent the cities and communities of Utah from ever setting up a state wide power grid in which they could take advantage of extremely low cost power from Hydro-Ontario and other Canadian sources.

Such a merger would also prevent Utah power users from ever being able to obtain low cost power from the present large hydro-dams, present or future, within Utah.

It is my understanding that there is litigation pending in which Utah Power & Light Co., is sueing the taxpayers of the United States for a share of the power generated at Flaming Gorge & Glen Canyon in order to earn a profit for the stock holders of Utah Power & Light?

It is also very foolish to say that Utah Power & Light Co., generates tax dollars for Utah when it is an acknowledged fact that it is the rate payers that generate the dollars and profits to the UP&Lstock holders.

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R. J. McClain 575 E. 200 S. Centerville, UT 84014 Utah Power wants to put one month of your power bill right back in your pocket

... but we need your help

Dear R. J. McClain:

By now, you're probably aware that Utah Power & Light has worked out a way to reduce electric rates for our customers ... through a proposed merger with PacifiCorp.

But -- for this to happen -- Utah Power needs your help.

Why? Because special interest groups -- including taxpayersubsidized, government-owned utilities from other parts of the country -- are trying to block this opportunity for several selfserving reasons, including the fact that it is in their own best interest to keep your Utah Power & Light rates as high as possible.

I'll tell you how you can help in a minute. But first, let me bring you up to date.

> Utah Power & Light's proposed merger with PacifiCorp will let us drop electric rates 5 to 10% over the next four years ... and stabilize them for the foreseeable future.

What does that mean in dollars? For people in the states Utah Power serves, it means \$50 to \$100 million dollars each year ... dollars that will stay in our customers' pockets.

For you it means you'll save about one month's power bill each year. And that's money you can spend on anything you like.

These lower rates -- in addition to the combined strengths of Utah Power and PacifiCorp's <u>economic development</u> programs -will also make Utah communities much more <u>attractive to new</u> business and industrial development.

> And that means more jobs for Utahns. Jobs that will help let our children and grandchildren live and work in Utah ... instead of seeking employment outside the state.

Sound too good to be true? Well it is true ... but the merger idea didn't happen by accident.

Utah Power has been seeking a company that we could merge