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Dear Commissioners,

As customers and users of Utah Power and Light electricity we <u>discourage</u> you approving a merger with Pacifi Corp for the following reasons:

- (1) Everytime outside interests have bought into the industry in our state i.e. Geneva and Kennecott, it has hurt our state. Big promises are always made in the beginning--lower rates etc.--but instead the end result has been unemployment and closed plants.
- (2) This in turn has had a domino effect depressing the rest of our state economy and also lowering our tax base so we don't have adequate financing for our schools and other necessary aspects of government.
- (3) Undoubtedly Utah Power and Light could use a new more aggressive business-like management--possibly new outside blood--(with early retirement for current upper management), but please keep control of Utah industry under control of Utahns.

Thank you for taking time to give serious consideration to our concerns.

Sincerely,

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