

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
SCOTTISH VS PACIFIC CORP: A BAD IDEA

IF IT IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS. THIS IS AN OVERUSED ADAGE BUT, IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE REVERSE IS TRUE. IF IT SOUNDS LIKE A BAD IDEA, IT PROBABLY IS. A FOREIGN COUNTRY TAKING CONTROL OF THE ELECTRICAL POWER IN UTAH. TO THE READER, TAKE ONE MINUTE, STAND IN THE CENTER OF YOUR HOME AND REVIEW ALL OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY YOUR ELECTRIC SYSTEM. THEN TRACE THE LINES BACK TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY AND READ YOUR FEELINGS. NOW REMEMBER BACK, IF POSSIBLE, TO THE ELECTRIC SERVICE YOU RECEIVED WHEN UP&L WAS YOUR ELECTRIC PROVIDER. THIS CHANGE HAS COME ABOUT MERELY BY TRANSFERRING OWNERSHIP OUT OF THE STATE. THINK ABOUT THE INSTABILITY OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN GENERAL. IS IT POSSIBLE THAT IRAQ COULD HAVE IT'S EYES ON IT'S NEIGHBORS? IRAN. OR ANY OF THE DICTATORIAL LED NATIONS AND YOU WILL SAY IMMEDIATELY, NO WAY! THEN BE REMINDED THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THE BRITISH SAID AFTER THE FALL OF POLAND. WHOEVER IS IN CONTROL OF OUR ELECTRICAL SUPPLY HAS THE STRONGEST OF HOLDS ON OUR LIVES. THINK OF ALL THE CRITICAL DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS IN THESE WESTERN STATES THAT ARE CONNECTED BY PACIFIC CORP'S TRANSMISSION LINES AND THEN PUT THEM SUBSERVIENT TO AN ADVERSARIAL COUNTRY. WHEN A COUNTRY, ANY COUNTRY, IS IN THE HANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN OF INTEGRITY AND GOOD STANDING, NO PROBLEM. WE KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO OUR COUNTRY WHEN THE REVERSE IS TRUE.

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR! THE SINGLE BIGGEST TACTICAL ERROR WAS MADE BY THE JAPANESE WHEN THEY LEFT THE ELECTRICAL FACILITIES INTACT. THUS BEING, WE WERE ABLE TO REGROUP FAR FASTER THAN THOUGH POSSIBLE BECAUSE THE MAINTENANCE FACTORIES AND ETC., WERE UP AND RUNNING AGAIN OVER NIGHT. NOW SUPPOSE THAT SOMETIME PREVIOUSLY, THE JAPANESE HAD ACQUIRED OWNERSHIP OF SAID ELECTRIC FACILITIES! THE WHOLE COMPLEXITY WOULD HAVE BEEN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT AND I'M SURE, DISASTROUS.

SO AGAIN, OUR ELECTRIC SYSTEMS IN THE HANDS OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY, 'IF IT SOUNDS LIKE A BAD IDEA, IT IS!' IF IT SOUNDS LIKE A BAD IDEA TO YOU, CALL THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND SO EXPRESS YOUR FEELINGS.

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>MR. GARDNER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUBMISSION TO THE DESERET NEWS READERS
>FORUM. UNFORTUNATELY, IT ARRIVED GARBLED. CAN YOU SEND IT AGAIN JUST AS
>E-MAIL TRANSMISSION.

>THANK YOU.
>MARJORIE CORTEZ
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