

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

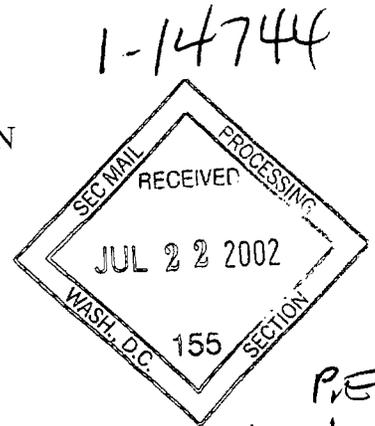
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For ...15 July....2002



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UNITED UTILITIES PLC

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Dawson House, Great Sankey  
Warrington, Cheshire ENGLAND WA5 3LW  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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[Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under the Act which cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F]

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[Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.]

Yes..... No...X.....

[If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

UNITED UTILITIES PLC  
(Registrant)

BY.....  
Paul Davies  
Assistant Company Secretary

Date: 15 July 2002

\* Print the name and title of the signing officer under his signature



## **UNITED UTILITIES PLC**

**Monday 15 JULY 2002**

The following announcement is being made in accordance with 16.13 of the Listing Rules.

The United Utilities Quest Trustee Limited, has today transferred 12,845 ordinary shares to employees on the exercise of options on the maturity of a Save-As-You-Earn Sharesave Scheme. The option price was in the range of 471.5p-707.5p per share.

The issued share capital being 556,009,544 ordinary shares, the proposed allotment amounts to 0.0023%.

The following directors hold options in the United Utilities SAYE schemes

John Roberts  
Simon Batey  
Les Dawson  
Gordon Waters

Further information can be obtained from Tim Rayner, Company Secretary 01925 237071.

United Utilities' ordinary shares trade on the London Stock Exchange and its ADRs, each equal to two ordinary shares, trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the Trading Symbol 'UU'.