

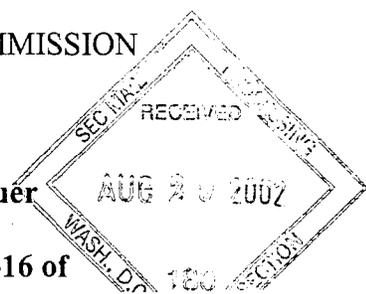
FORM 6-K



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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 ...20 August 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)

[Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under 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.....

Tim Rayner

Company Secretary

Date: 20 August 2002

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

UNITED UTILITIES PLC - DIRECTORS' SHARE INTERESTS

United Utilities PLC ("the Company") announces that it has received notification dated 20 August 2002 that the Trustee, Hill Samuel ESOP Trustees Limited, purchased ordinary shares of £1 each on behalf of the following directors on 19 August 2002, to be held in accordance with the rules of the Company's Inland Revenue approved share incentive plan. The shares were purchased at a price of 644p per share.

Director	No. of Shares purchased
JOHN ROBERTS	19
SIMON BATEY	19
LESLIE DAWSON	19
GORDON WATERS	19

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'.