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CU INC.'S EARNINGS INCREASED BY TAX REVERSAL

CALGARY, Alberta – Alberta Power (2000) Ltd. (Alberta Power), a subsidiary of CU Inc., has received confirmation from the Tax Court of Canada ordering Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to reverse its 2006 reassessment of Alberta Power's 2001 tax return.

The impact of the judgment is a \$13.7 million recovery of income tax and related interest expense reassessed by CRA in 2006. In addition, Alberta Power will receive interest income of approximately \$3.1 million earned on such amounts paid to CRA. These adjustments will result in a \$16.8 million increase in earnings. CRA will be required to refund to Alberta Power approximately \$28.0 million including interest and net of consequential adjustments to other taxation years arising from the judgment.

The reassessment treated the proceeds received from the sale of the H.R. Milner generating plant to the Alberta Balancing Pool as income rather than as a sale of an asset. Alberta Power successfully argued that its treatment of the proceeds as a capital receipt was correct.

CU Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Canadian Utilities, part of the ATCO Group of Companies. CU Inc. is an Alberta-based corporation with assets of approximately \$6.5 billion and more than 4,000 employees and is comprised of two main business divisions: Utilities (pipelines, natural gas and electricity transmission and distribution), and Energy (power generation). More information about CU Inc. can be found on the Canadian Utilities Limited website at www.canadian-utilities.com.

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