

REAVES UTILITY INCOME FUND

Form N-Q

September 27, 2005

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM N-Q**

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number

811-21432

**REAVES UTILITY INCOME FUND**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

1625 Broadway, Suite 2200, Denver, Colorado  
(Address of principal executive offices)

80202  
(Zip code)

Erin Douglas  
Reaves Utility Income Fund  
1625 Broadway, Suite 2200  
Denver, Colorado 80202  
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(303) 623-2577

Date of fiscal year end: October 31

Date of reporting period: July 31, 2005

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## Item 1 Schedule of Investments.

## STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

7/31/2005 (Unaudited)

		Shares	Value
<b>COMMON STOCK</b>	<b>124.59%</b>		
<b>CONSUMER STAPLES</b>	<b>8.85%</b>		
Altria Group, Inc.		535,300	\$ 35,843,688
Reynolds American Inc.		25,000	2,082,750
UST Inc.		200,000	9,204,000
			47,130,438
<b>ELECTRIC</b>	<b>74.58%</b>		
Ameren Corp.		899,300	50,019,066
Cinergy Corp.		145,000	6,401,750
Consolidated Edison, Inc.		285,100	13,730,416
Constellation Energy Group, Inc.		315,000	18,966,150
Dominion Resources Inc.		50,000	3,693,000
Duke Energy Corp.		2,000,000	59,080,000
Duquesne Light Holdings Inc.		447,800	8,687,320
Enel S.P.A, ADR		461,600	19,802,640
Exelon Corp.		480,000	25,689,600
FirstEnergy Corp.		200,000	9,956,000
Great Plains Energy Inc.		1,453,700	47,187,102
Idacorp Inc.		10,000	314,500
OGE Energy Corp.		996,700	30,279,746
PNM Resources Inc.		75,000	2,204,250
PPL Corp.		360,000	22,168,800
Progress Energy Inc.		40,000	1,784,400
Public Service Enterprise Group Inc.		411,800	26,478,740
Southern Co.		100,000	3,499,000
TECO Energy, Inc.		770,200	14,602,992
TXU Corp.		50,000	4,332,000
TransAlta Corp.		325,000	5,713,500
WPS Resources Corp.		189,000	10,916,640
Xcel Energy Inc.		605,000	11,743,050
			397,250,662
<b>ENERGY</b>	<b>7.41%</b>		
Amerada Hess Corp.		15,000	1,767,900
BP Amoco PLC, ADR		200,000	13,176,000
Eni S.P.A		5,000	707,000
Statoil ASA, ADR		50,000	1,085,500
Royal Dutch Shell PLC-ADR A*		190,000	11,643,200
Todco *		85,000	2,610,350
Transocean Inc.*		150,000	8,464,500
			39,454,450
<b>FINANCIALS</b>	<b>0.60%</b>		
Citigroup Inc.		50,000	2,175,000

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	Lloyd TSB Group	30,000	1,024,200
			3,199,200
<b>GAS</b>		<b>9.75%</b>	
	ONEOK, Inc.	340,000	11,883,000
	Peoples Energy Corp.	539,300	23,270,795
	Sempra Energy	299,700	12,737,250
	South Jersey Industries, Inc.	24,400	716,628
	Southern Union Co.*	20,000	508,800
	Southwest Gas Corp.	50,000	1,339,000
	Vectren Corp.	50,400	1,460,592
			51,916,065
<b>TELEPHONE</b>		<b>23.40%</b>	
	Alltel Corp.	10,000	665,000
	AT&T Corp.	1,543,300	30,557,340
	BCE Inc.	860,600	20,792,096
	BellSouth Corp.	170,000	4,692,000
	Citizens Communications Co.	1,560,000	20,498,400
	SBC Communications Inc.	1,540,000	37,653,000
	TDC A/S, ADR	115,500	2,598,750
	Telecom Corp., ADR	210,000	7,213,500
			124,670,086
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>		<b>0.00%***</b>	
	Ship Finance International Limited	1,000	18,800
<b>TOTAL COMMON STOCK</b> (Cost \$570,440,661)			663,639,701
<b>PREFERRED STOCK</b>		<b>12.59%</b>	
<b>CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY</b>		<b>0.40%</b>	
	Corts Ford Trust, 7.40% 11/01/46	97,700	2,139,630
<b>ELECTRIC</b>		<b>5.20%</b>	
	AES Trust III, 6.75%, 10/15/29	133,100	6,428,730
	BGE Capital Trust II, 6.20%, 10/15/43	180,000	4,618,800
	Consumers Energy Co. Funding Trust IV, 9.00%, 06/30/31	136,800	3,537,648
	Entergy Arkansas Inc., 7.32%	5,501	573,308
	Entergy Arkansas Inc.,	3,936	100,245

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Entergy Gulf States Inc., Series A, 7.00%, 12/15/04**	4,472	453,349
Entergy Louisiana Inc., Series 92, 8.00%	1,200	30,563
Georgia Power Capital Trust V, 7.125%, 03/31/42	141,400	3,677,814
Great Plains Energy Inc, 8.00%, 02/16/07	50,000	1,375,000
Monongahela Power, Series L, 7.73%	1,500	155,719
NVP Capital Trust III, 7.75%, 09/30/38	52,400	1,330,960
PSEG Funding Trust II, 8.75%, 12/31/32	90,100	2,442,611
Public Service Co. of New Mexico, Series 1965, 4.58%	10,967	1,034,325
Puget Sound Energy Capital Trust, 8.40%, 06/30/41	20,000	517,000
Sierra Pacific Power, Series 1, 7.80%	26,140	620,009
Southern Cal Edison, 4.32%	10,000	201,500
TXU U.S. Holding Co., 5.08%	6,306	603,603
		27,701,184

<b>FINANCIALS</b>	<b>4.37%</b>	
ABN AMRO Capital Funding Trust VII, 6.08%	120,000	3,036,000
GMAC, 7.375%	50,000	1,129,000
GMAC, 7.375%	10,000	209,000
Merrill Lynch & Co., Series H, 3.65%**	535,000	12,743,700
Renaissance Holdings Ltd., Series C, 6.08%*	265,300	6,168,225
		23,285,925

<b>GAS</b>	<b>1.25%</b>	
ONEOK, Inc., 8.50%, 02/16/06	156,800	6,653,024

<b>REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS</b>	<b>0.66%</b>	
Duke Realty Corp., Series K, 6.50%	138,700	3,500,788

<b>TELEPHONE</b>	<b>0.71%</b>	
Preferred Plus Trust Series SPR1, 7.00%, 11/15/28	12,624	321,407
Series T1, 7.35%, 03/15/29	69,800	1,810,612
Trust Certificates 2001-1, Series T, 7.45%, 03/15/29	61,900	1,621,780
		3,753,799

<b>TOTAL PREFERRED STOCK</b> (Cost \$66,028,127)		67,034,350
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	Bond Rating Moody/S&P	Principal Amount	
<b>CORPORATE BONDS</b>	<b>6.25%</b>		
<b>ELECTRIC</b>	<b>5.04%</b>		
Calpine Corp., 7.875%, 04/01/08	Caal/CCC+	\$ 6,000,000	4,245,000
Calpine Generating Co., 11.50%, 04/01/11, 144A^	B3/CCC+	22,000,000	20,680,000
TXU Corp., 6.375%, 06/15/06	Ba1/BBB-	1,900,000	1,937,669
			26,862,669
<b>TELEPHONE</b>	<b>1.21%</b>		

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Qwest Corp, 7.50%, 06/15/23	7,000,000	6,440,000
<b>TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS</b> (Cost \$34,492,657)		33,302,669
	<b>Shares</b>	
<b>MUTUAL FUNDS</b>	<b>3.55%</b>	
Goldman Financial Square Money Market Fund	15,588,302	15,588,302
Loomis Sayles High Income Fund	424,929	3,288,952
<b>TOTAL MUTUAL FUNDS</b> (Cost \$18,588,302)		18,877,254
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b> (Cost \$689,549,747)	146.98%	782,853,974
Liabilities in Excess of Other Assets	-1.92%	(10,213,735)
Liquidation Preference of Auction Market Preferred Shares: Series M7, F7, W28	-45.06%	(240,000,000)
<b>NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON SHARES</b>	100.00% \$	532,640,239

ADR- American Depositary Receipt

\*Non-income producing security

\*\*Floating or variable rate security- rate disclosed as of July 31, 2005. Maturity date represents the next rate reset date.

\*\*\* Less than 0.005%

^ Security exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. This security may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. At July 31, 2005, these securities amounted to a value of \$20,680,000 or 3.88% of net assets.

**Ratings:**

The Moody's and S&P ratings are believed to be the most recent ratings as of July 31, 2005.

**Income Tax Information:**

Net unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments based on federal tax cost were as follows:

As of July 31, 2005		
Gross appreciation (excess of value over tax cost)		99,589,537
Gross depreciation (excess of tax cost over value)		(6,686,071)
Net unrealized appreciation	\$	92,903,466
Cost of investments for income tax purposes	\$	689,950,508

See Notes to Quarterly Statement of Investments



## NOTES TO QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

### 1. Significant Accounting and Operating Policies

Reaves Utility Income Fund is a closed-end management investment company (the Fund) that was organized under the laws of the state of Delaware by an Agreement and Declaration of Trust dated September 15, 2003. The Fund is a non-diversified series with an investment objective to provide a high level of after-tax income and total return consisting primarily of tax-advantaged dividend income and capital appreciation. The Declaration of Trust provides that the Trustees may authorize separate classes of shares of beneficial interest. The Fund commenced operations on February 24, 2004. The Fund's common shares are listed on the American Stock Exchange and trade under the ticker symbol UTG.

The Fund may have elements of risk, including the risk of loss of principal. There is no assurance that the investment process will consistently lead to successful results. An investment concentrated in sectors and industries may involve greater risk and volatility than a more diversified investment.

The following summarizes the significant accounting policies of the Fund.

**Security Valuation:** The net asset value per Share of the Fund is determined no less frequently than daily, on each day that the American Stock Exchange (the Exchange) is open for trading, as of the close of regular trading on the Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m. New York time). Securities held by the fund for which exchange quotations are readily available are valued at the last sale price, or if no sale price or if traded on the over-the-counter market, at the mean of the bid and asked prices on such day. Over-the-counter securities traded on NASDAQ are valued based upon the NASDAQ Official Closing Price. Debt securities for which the over-the-counter market is the primary market are normally valued on the basis of prices furnished by one or pricing services at the mean between the latest available bid and asked prices. As authorized by the Trustees, debt securities (other than short-term obligations) may be valued on the basis of valuations furnished by a pricing service which determines valuations based upon market transactions for normal, institutional-size trading units of securities. Short-term obligations maturing within 60 days are valued at amortized cost which approximates market value. Over-the-counter options are valued at the mean between bid and asked prices provided by dealers. Financial futures contracts listed on commodity exchanges and exchange-traded options are valued at closing settlement prices. Securities for which there is no such quotation or valuation and all other assets are valued at fair value in good faith by or at the direction of the Trustees. Various factors may be reviewed in order to make a good faith determination of a security's fair value. These factors may include, but are not limited to, the type and cost of the security; the fundamental analytical data relating to the investment; an evaluation of the forces which influence the market in which the security is sold, including the liquidity and depth of the market; information as to any transactions or offers with respect to the security; price, yield and the extent of public or private trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable companies. The valuation assigned to fair-valued securities for purposes of calculating the Fund's NAV

may differ from the security's most recent closing market price and from the prices used by other funds to calculate their NAVs.

**Foreign Securities:** The Fund may invest a portion of its assets in foreign securities. In the event that the Fund executes a foreign security transaction, the Fund will generally enter into a forward foreign currency contract to settle the foreign security transaction. Foreign securities may carry more risk than U.S. securities, such as political, market and currency risks.

The accounting records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Prices of securities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the closing rates of exchange at period end. Amounts related to the purchase and sale of foreign securities and investment income are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions.

The effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates on investments is separately identified from the fluctuations arising from changes in market values of securities held and reported with all other foreign currency gains and losses in the Fund's Statement of Operations.

**Securities Transactions and Investment Income:** Investment security transactions are accounted for as of trade date. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income, which includes amortization of premium and accretion of discount, is accrued as earned. Realized gains and losses from securities transactions and unrealized appreciation and depreciation of securities are determined using the First In First Out basis for both financial reporting and income tax purposes.



**Item 2 - Controls and Procedures.**

(a) The registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have evaluated the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) within 90 days of this filing and have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures were effective, as of that date.

(b) There was no change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) during registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 3 Exhibits.**

Separate certifications for the registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, are attached as Ex99.CERT.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

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By: /s/ Edmund J. Burke  
**Edmund J. Burke**  
**President (principal executive officer)**

Date: September 26, 2005

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ Edmund J. Burke  
**Edmund J. Burke**  
**President (principal executive officer)**

Date: September 26, 2005

By: /s/ Jeremy O. May  
**Jeremy O. May**  
**Treasurer (principal financial officer)**

Date: September 26, 2005