

EVERGREEN UTILITIES & HIGH INCOME FUND  
Form SC TO-I  
March 22, 2005

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**SCHEDULE TO**

Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. )\*

Evergreen Utilities and High Income Fund

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

Evergreen Utilities and High Income Fund

(Name of Filing Persons (Offeror and Issuer))

Common Shares, No Par Value

(Title of Class of Securities)

30034Q 10 9

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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(Name, address, and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications on behalf of filing persons)

With a copy to:

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**Calculation of Filing Fee**

Transaction Valuation

\$12,448,974(a)

Amount of Filing Fee

\$1,465.24(b)

(a) Calculated as the aggregate maximum purchase price to be paid for 546,487 shares in the offer, based upon the net asset value per share of \$22.78 at March 16, 2005.

(b) Calculated as the Transaction Valuation multiplied by .00011770.

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## Introductory Statement

This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO ( Schedule TO ) relates to an offer by Evergreen Utilities and High Income Fund, a statutory trust organized under the laws of the state of Delaware (the Fund ), to purchase for cash up to 5% or 546,487 of the Fund's issued and outstanding common shares, no par value, upon the terms and subject to the conditions contained in the Offer to Purchase dated March 22, 2005 and the related Letter of Transmittal (which, together with any amendments or supplements thereto, collectively constitute the Offer ) and are filed as exhibits to this Schedule TO.

## Items 1 through 11.

The information in the Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal is incorporated herein by reference in answer to Items 1-11 required to be disclosed in this Schedule TO.

## Item 12. Exhibits.

- (a)(1)(i) Offer to Purchase.
- (a)(1)(ii) Form of Letter of Transmittal.
- (a)(1)(iii) Form of Notice of Guaranteed Delivery.
- (a)(1)(iv) Notice of Offer to Purchase.
- (a)(1)(v) Form of Letter to Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees.
- (a)(1)(vi) Form of Letter to Clients of Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees including Instructions Regarding the Offer.
- (a)(1)(vii) Form of Letter to Shareholders.
- (a)(1)(viii) Substitute Form W-9.
- (a)(2) None.

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- (a)(3) Not Applicable.
- (a)(4) Not applicable.
- (a)(5)(i) Press release issued on February 23, 2005 (Previously filed as a preliminary communication with the Fund's Schedule TO submitted via EDGAR on February 23, 2005).
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- (a)(5)(ii) Press release issued on March 17, 2005 (Previously filed as a preliminary communication with the Fund's Schedule TO submitted via EDGAR on March 17, 2005).
- (a)(5)(iii) Audited Financial Statements of the Fund for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2004. Incorporated herein by reference to the Fund's Annual Report for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2004 on Form N-CSR as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) on November 9, 2004. The Fund's Annual Report was previously provided to Shareholders. The Report is available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may also request a copy the Fund's Annual Report at no charge by calling 1-800-343-2898 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Eastern time, on any business day.
- (b) None.
- (d) Form of Depositary Agreement between the Fund and EquiServe, Inc. and EquiServe Trust Company, N.A.
- (g) Evergreen Liquidity Plan: Tender Offer Q&A.
- (h) Opinion of Ropes & Gray LLP relating to the tax consequences of the tender offer.

**Item 13. Information Required by Schedule 13E-3.**

Not applicable.

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NOTICE

A copy of the Certificate of Trust of Evergreen Utilities and High Income Fund (the Trust ), together with all amendments thereto, is on file with the Secretary of State of The State of Delaware and notice is hereby given that this instrument is executed on behalf of the Trust by trustees and officers of the Trust as officers and trustees and not individually and that the obligations of or arising out of this instrument are not binding upon any of the officers or trustees of the Trust or shareholders individually but are binding only upon the assets and property of the Trust or the relevant series.

**SIGNATURE**

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

**EVERGREEN UTILITIES AND HIGH INCOME FUND**

/s/ Michael H. Koonce

Name: Michael H. Koonce  
Title: Secretary

Dated: March 22, 2005

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