EVERGREEN UTILITIES & HIGH INCOME FUND Form SC TO-C August 22, 2005

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

EVERGREEN UTILITIES AND HIGH INCOME FUND (Names of Filing Persons (Offeror and Issuer)

Common Shares, No Par Value (Title of Class of Securities)

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- [] third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.
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- Items 1-11. Not Applicable.
- Item 12. Materials to be Filed as Exhibits.
 - (a) (5) (i) Text of Press Release issued by Evergreen Investments with respect to Evergreen Utilities and High Income Fund on August 22, 2005.

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

Not Applicable.