

**REAVES UTILITY INCOME FUND**  
(NYSE MKT: UTG)

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**THE REAVES UTILITY INCOME FUND  
ANNOUNCES REGULAR MONTHLY DIVIDEND OF \$0.15125 PER SHARE**

Denver, Colorado – The Reaves Utility Income Fund (NYSE MKT: UTG) announced today the next three monthly dividends at a rate of \$0.15125 per common share per month, unchanged from the per share rate paid for the previous quarter. As of April 6, 2016, the Fund’s market price was \$29.25 per share and its net asset value was \$31.51 per share.

Ronald J. Sorenson, the Fund's portfolio manager and Chief Investment Officer of Reaves Asset Management, recently commented on the strong utilities performance in the first quarter of 2016: “Undoubtedly the Fund’s performance was helped by the dovish Fed stance on interest rates, increasingly apparent in the quarter. And, while we think our portfolio selections will continue to perform well in the current low-interest rate environment, the fundamental reason to own them is their ability to grow earnings and dividends over the long-term as they deploy capital to meet the country’s basic infrastructure requirements in power, water, energy, and communications.

The Fund has formally implemented the 19b-1 exemption received from the Securities and Exchange Commission in 2009. A portion of each distribution may be treated as paid from sources other than net income, including but not limited to short-term capital gain, long-term capital gain and return of capital. The final determination of the source of these distributions, including the percentage of qualified dividend income, will be made after the Fund’s year end.

Not less than eighty percent of the Fund’s assets will continue to be invested in the securities of domestic and foreign companies involved to a significant extent in providing products, services or equipment for (i) the generation or distribution of electricity, gas or water, (ii) telecommunications activities or (iii) infrastructure operations, such as airports, toll roads and municipal services (“Utilities” or the “Utility Industry”). As a policy, the Fund continues to strive to provide a high level of after-tax income and total return consisting primarily of tax-advantaged distributions and capital appreciation.

The following dates apply to the upcoming dividends that have been declared:

Ex-Distribution Date: April 14, 2016  
Record Date: April 18, 2016  
Payable Date: April 29, 2016

Ex-Distribution Date: May 18, 2016  
Record Date: May 20, 2016  
Payable Date: May 31, 2016

Ex-Distribution Date: June 15, 2016

Record Date: June 17, 2016

Payable Date: June 30, 2016

**The Reaves Utility Income Fund**

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide a high level of income and total return consisting primarily of tax-advantaged distributions and capital appreciation. There were approximately \$1.4 billion of total assets under management and 34.3 million common shares outstanding as of April 6, 2016.

**An investor should consider investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. To obtain a prospectus, annual report or semi-annual report which contains this and other information visit [www.utilityincomefund.com](http://www.utilityincomefund.com) or call 1-800-644-5571. Read them carefully before investing.**

*The Reaves Utility Income Fund is a closed-end fund and closed-end funds do not continuously issue shares for sale as open-end mutual funds do. Since the initial public offering, the Fund now trades in the secondary market. Investors wishing to buy or sell shares need to place orders through an intermediary or broker. The share price of a closed-end fund is based on the market's value.*

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