

REAVES UTILITY INCOME FUND
(NYSE MKT: UTG)

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**THE REAVES UTILITY INCOME FUND
INCREASES ITS MONTHLY DIVIDEND 4.8% TO \$0.1375 PER SHARE**

Denver, Colorado – The Reaves Utility Income Fund (NYSE MKT: UTG) is pleased to announce today an increase in its monthly dividends, to a rate of \$0.1375 per common share per month. This is the 7th increase since the Fund's inception in February 2004. The increased dividend rate represents an annualized distribution rate of 6.82% based on the current market price. As of December 17, 2013, the Fund's market price was \$24.18 per share and its net asset value was \$26.52 per share.

Ronald J. Sorenson, the Fund's portfolio manager and Chief Investment Officer at Reaves Asset Management, the Fund's investment adviser, noted that the outlook for the total return of the Fund's investments, and the current unrealized gains in the portfolio, are the basis for the dividend increase recommendation.

The Fund's ability to distribute long-term capital gains, via its 19b-1 exemption, allows for management of the portfolio with the flexibility to invest in total-return opportunities as well as higher current-yield securities.

Since the Fund's inception, in 2004, all dividends have been paid from ordinary income and realized capital gains.

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 utility companies. 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 dividend income and capital appreciation.

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

Ex-Distribution Date: December 27, 2013

Record Date: December 31, 2013

Payable Date: January 17, 2014

Ex-Distribution Date: February 12, 2014

Record Date: February 14, 2014

Payable Date: February 28, 2014

Ex-Distribution Date: March 14, 2014

Record Date: March 18, 2014

Payable Date: March 31, 2014

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 dividend income and capital appreciation. There were approximately \$1.1 billion of total assets under management and 29.0 million common shares outstanding as of December 17, 2013.

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 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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