

EVERGREEN UTILITIES & HIGH INCOME FUND  
Form SC TO-C  
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE TO**  
Tender Offer Statement  
Under Section 14(d)(1) or Section 13(e)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**EVERGREEN UTILITIES AND HIGH INCOME FUND**  
(Name of Issuer)

**EVERGREEN UTILITIES AND HIGH INCOME FUND**  
(Names 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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amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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**Items 1-11.** Not Applicable.

**Item 12. Materials to be Filed as Exhibits.**

Text of Press Release issued by Evergreen Investments with respect to Evergreen Utilities and High Income Fund on February 22, 2005.

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

Not Applicable.

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