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KANSAS CITY POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

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(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

WESTERN RESOURCES, INC.

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The following press release and employee update was issued on August 14, 1996:

WESTERN RESOURCES TO FILE TESTIMONY WITH  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION SUPPORTING MERGER

FILING WILL CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF UNITING THE TWO COMPANIES

TOPEKA, Kansas, August 14, 1996 -- Western Resources took one more step  
in completing its merger with KCPL when it announced August 22 as the date it  
will file its application and testimony with the Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission (FERC) supporting its exchange offer to KCPL shareowners.

The testimony will reinforce the benefits of a Western Resources/KCPL  
merger and seeks FERC's authorization of Western Resources' merger plan. It  
also will further accelerate Western Resources' momentum in the merger with  
KCPL and reinforce the value such a merger would have for customers,  
shareowners, employees, and those communities served by both companies.

This step follows similar filings with the Kansas Corporation Commission

(KCC) and the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) last month.

"It is gratifying to see the process of bringing our two companies together continue," said John E. Hayes, Jr., Western Resources chairman of the board and chief executive officer. "We are convinced that a Western Resources/KCPL merger is the best value for all concerned."

"A merger with KCPL complements our business plan by enhancing our position as a significant national and regional competitor," Hayes continued.

Overlapping service areas, more than \$2 billion in shared generating plant assets, and similar operations mean savings advantages for shareowners and customers alike.

"This filing is the next step in the process of examining the tangible merits of our merger offer and bringing closure to this process, Hayes said. This combination is the right thing to do. Both companies have solid reputations for high quality and efficient service to customers. This, coupled with the opportunity for savings and the ability to position our companies to meet the changes coming to our industry, make this combination sound. We are happy the process is continuing."

Western Resources (NYSE: WR) is a diversified energy company. Its utilities, KPL and KGE, operating in Kansas and Oklahoma, provide natural gas service to approximately 650,000 customers and electric service to approximately 600,000 customers. Through its subsidiaries, Westar Energy, Westar Security, Westar Capital, and The Wing Group, energy-related products and services are developed and marketed in the continental U.S., and offshore. For more information about Western Resources and its operating companies, visit us on the Internet at <http://www.wstnres.com>.

This news release and employee update is neither an offer to exchange nor a solicitation of an offer to exchange shares of common stock of KCPL. Such offer is made solely by the Prospectus dated July 3, 1996, and the related Letter of Transmittal, and is not being made to, nor will tenders be accepted from or on behalf of, holders of shares of common stock of KCPL in any jurisdiction in which the making of such offer or the acceptance thereof would not be in compliance with the laws of such jurisdiction. In any jurisdictions where securities, blue sky or other laws require such offer to be made by a licensed broker or dealer, such offer shall be deemed to be made on behalf of Western Resources, Inc. by Salomon Brothers Inc or one or more registered brokers or dealers licensed under the laws of such jurisdiction.

The following letter was sent on August 15, 1996. This same letter may be used again if it applies to other addressees.

Addressee

Dear Addressee,

Thank you for forwarding to me a copy of your letter to Mr. Drue Jennings.

I agree with you. We would love to have an opportunity to meet with the board of Kansas City Power & Light to review our proposal. As you know, on June 17 we sent our revised offer to the board of directors of Kansas City Power & Light. We believe this revised offer, as we believe our original offer was, is financially superior as well as the most beneficial for all involved.

Despite our strong offer, KCPL management has refused to meet with us. We have been extremely disappointed that we have not been given an opportunity to meet with the KCPL board to present our offer. We are convinced that, given the opportunity to fully understand our offer, the KCPL board would have concluded that it is depriving its shareowners of the benefits of what we believe is the better proposal.

Once again, I appreciate your comments and look forward to an opportunity to work with you to enhance the value of your investment.

Sincerely,

John E. Hayes, Jr.  
Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Operating Officer

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Dear Addressee,

Thank you for your comments regarding Western Resources' proxy solicitation materials. We value input from KCPL shareowners during our effort to combine our two fine companies in what we believe will be a very successful new energy company.

I was very surprised to read that you were told on August 6 the voting on the UtiliCorp proposal had been closed, and we are looking into the reason. I am aware that Ken Wymore from our office has talked with you. As you know, the KCPL meeting was rescheduled for the 16th and you still have time to vote against the UtiliCorp proposal and preserve your ability to obtain what we believe is the greater value in our \$31 per KCPL offer\*.

I know you have received a great deal of information about this transaction. In view of the tremendous benefits we see from a WR/KCPL merger to shareowners, customers, employees and the communities we serve, we strongly feel that the cost and effort behind these communications are well justified. I hope you will agree.

If you have any questions about our offer, please feel free to call me or Rick Kready (913/575-8226).

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\*Price per KCPL share (payable in Western Resources common stock) assumes that Western Resources' average share price is between \$28.18 and \$33.23 at the time of closing.

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Dear Addressee,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding our proposed merger with Kansas City Power & Light. We also believe in the strengths of neighboring companies with strong reputations who work together for a successful future. In fact, we have had discussions with KCPL for some time concerning a possible merger. As you know, Western Resources and KCPL have overlapping service territories and more than \$8 billion in combined assets. Today, more than \$2 billion, or 25 percent, of those assets are jointly owned or operated.

In regard to Mr. Jennings' compensation, I did not offer him the same compensation as he would receive under the UtiliCorp proposal. What I agreed to adopt was the formula which would peg his compensation to the highest compensation paid to any employee of the merged company. In our company, that would be the same salary he receives now, since he and I make approximately

the same amount -- much less than Rick Green's salary at UtiliCorp.

I appreciate your comments about a potential combination of all three companies. At this time, we have reviewed other options and believe this potential merger with KCPL offers the most significant benefits to our company and to you as shareowners. At its core, our offer is a demonstrated interest in a neighboring utility company. KCPL is, we believe, a high-quality company similar to ours in its dedication to customer service and managing for the new competitive environment over the long-term. Our merger proposal is an offer based on careful and professional review and certainly not on personal issues.

Please know that we have worked hard to create a respected reputation on business matters that, above all else, benefit shareowners, customers and the communities we serve. Ours is clearly a well-thought, well-studied, sincere effort to build a partnership that will benefit all.

Again, thank you for sharing your comments.

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