

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION  
PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY  
(NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

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1996]

ATTENTION [KCPL logo] SHAREHOLDERS:

WESTERN RESOURCES' HOSTILE OFFER  
DOESN'T ADD UP TO VALUE

- - We have carefully reviewed the terms of Western's  
proposed rate reduction settlement, and we believe it  
WILL IMPACT WESTERN'S FUTURE EARNINGS.
- - Western's proposed rate settlement results in the loss  
of more than \$300 million in revenue. We believe this

will impact on Western's ability to pay dividends at its promised rate. Western would be required to use in 1998 MORE THAN 90% OF ITS EARNINGS TO COVER DIVIDEND PAYMENTS.

- - After all these months, Western still has not provided KCPL shareholders with an effective response to our very real concerns about Western's OVERSTATED MERGER-RELATED SAVINGS ASSUMPTIONS.

There is NO ASSURANCE that Western's hostile exchange offer -- which has been unanimously rejected by your Board -- will EVER BE COMPLETED.

THE KCPL/UTILICORP MERGER IS:

- BOARD APPROVED
- EMPLOYEE SUPPORTED
- COMMUNITY BACKED

A FAILURE to approve the KCPL/UtiliCorp merger would DEPRIVE you of its potential for growth in revenue, income and share value -- along with a dividend increase to \$1.85 per share.

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The Special Meeting of Shareholders Will Be Held on August 16, 1996.

VOTE "FOR" THE KCPL/UTILICORP MERGER TODAY  
ON THE WHITE PROXY CARD.

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August 8, 1996

KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

TO KCPL SHAREHOLDERS

IF YOU CUT THROUGH ALL THE RHETORIC,  
IT REALLY COMES DOWN TO

TRUST  
COMMITMENT  
SUPPORT  
VALUE

KCPL and UtiliCorp, with a combined 193 years of delivering returns to shareholders, proven reliability for customers, rewarding careers for employees and dedicated support for community, ask you to help us create a global energy leader right here in Kansas City.

Vote FOR the KCPL merger with UtiliCorp on the WHITE proxy card.

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If you have any questions about the merger or need assistance completing the white proxy card, please call KCPL Investor Relations toll free at 1-800-245-5275.

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The Energy Behind Your Ideas

August 8, 1996