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

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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR KCPL SHAREHOLDERS.

KCPL EMPLOYEES DO
SUPPORT THE MERGER
WITH UTILICORP. WESTERN
RESOURCES IS WRONG, AGAIN.

[photograph of employees]

[photograph of employees holding sign "KCPL Employees Say
YES to the UtiliCorp Merger."]

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THERE IS STILL TIME TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT. VOTE FOR THE PROPOSED MERGER WITH UTILICORP ON THE WHITE PROXY CARD.

[KCPL logo]

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, or our proxy solicitor, D. F. King & Co., Inc. toll free at 1-800-714-3312.

August 4, 1996

[Excerpts from scripts for KCPL employee information hotline bulletins issued August 5, 1996.]

[Bulletin issued Monday morning, August 5, 1996]

Kansas City Power & Light Company announced on Friday that the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri ruled that the KCPL/UtiliCorp merger, while lawful under Missouri law, nevertheless is subject to the affirmative vote of two-thirds of KCPL's outstanding shares.

It remains KCPL's position that the Merger as restructured on May 20, 1996 does not require a two-thirds vote but rather requires the approval of a majority of those shares voting at a meeting. KCPL intends to immediately appeal the District Court's decision to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

The District Court did not enjoin the holding of KCPL's Special Meeting of Shareholders currently scheduled for August 7, 1996. KCPL is currently reviewing its options and at the present time intends to proceed with the August 7 Shareholders' Meeting. This will enable the shareholder vote to be tabulated assuming KCPL prevails in its appeal.

In a news release issued Friday, UtiliCorp United said it anticipated joining with KCPL in an "expedited and aggressive appeal" of the decision.

[Bulletin issued Monday afternoon, August 5, 1996]

This is an update to the Hotline for Monday, August 5.

Kansas City Power & Light Company announced today that it is postponing its Special Meeting of Shareholders which was scheduled to be held on August 7, 1996. The Special Meeting is being postponed after consideration of the views of the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that it is necessary to provide KCPL shareholders with additional time to consider information concerning the August 2, 1996 order of the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri regarding the required vote in KCPL's proposed merger with UtiliCorp United Inc.

The Company also announced that the District Court indicated today that it would consider entering an order that would permit immediate appeal of its August 2, 1996 ruling to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals after the Special Meeting of Shareholders is held.

Shareholders will be notified in the next few days as to the new time, date and place for the postponed Special Meeting.

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KCPL POSTPONES AUGUST 7, 1996
SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI (AUGUST 5, 1996) -- Kansas City Power & Light Company (NYSE: KLT) announced today that it is postponing its Special Meeting of Shareholders which was scheduled to be held on August 7, 1996. The Special Meeting is being postponed after consideration of the views of the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that it is necessary to provide KCPL shareholders with additional time to consider information concerning the August 2, 1996 order of the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri regarding the required vote in KCPL's proposed merger with UtiliCorp United Inc. (NYSE: UCU).

The Company also announced that the District Court indicated today that it would consider entering an order that would permit immediate appeal of its August 2, 1996 ruling to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals after the Special Meeting of Shareholders is held.

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Kansas City Power & Light Company provides electric power to a growing and diversified service territory encompassing metropolitan Kansas City and parts of eastern Kansas and western Missouri. KCPL is a low-cost producer and leader in fuel procurement and plant technology. KLT Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of KCPL, pursues opportunities in non-regulated, primarily energy-related ventures.

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