## 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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KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT ADVISES SHAREHOLDERS TO AWAIT BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION BEFORE TAKING ACTION ON WESTERN'S UNSOLICITED EXCHANGE OFFER

Kansas City, Missouri (July 8, 1996) -- Kansas City Power & Light Company (NYSE: KLT) announced, in response to Western

Resources, Inc. (NYSE: WR) formally commencing its unsolicited exchange offer, that the Company's Board of Directors will review the exchange offer shortly.

KCPL stated that shareholders need not take any action at this time with respect to Western's exchange offer, and requested that shareholders await the recommendation of the KCPL Board.

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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