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KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

WESTERN RESOURCES, INC.
(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement)

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The following letter was sent to KCPL shareholders on or about May 14, 1996:

May 14, 1996

Dear KCPL Shareholder,

The key for KCPL shareholders can be reduced to a single word - VALUE.

Western Resources is offering \$28.00 worth of Western Resources stock for each share of KCPL you own. This represents a 17% PREMIUM over market value[F1].

With our offer, the dividend you would receive is \$1.97 in the year following the merger of Western Resources and KCPL, compared with your current annual indicated dividend of \$1.56. This represents a DIVIDEND INCREASE OF 26.5%[F2].

Western Resources is bringing you, the KCPL shareholder, real value for your shares in an investment that carries the same standards of sound financial management and customer service you have enjoyed. The resulting company, we believe, will be stronger and better able to weather the new world of competition facing all utility companies.

You have an alternative to the proposed UtiliCorp merger, which offers you no price premium and a smaller projected dividend. We believe our merger brings you greater value.

To exercise your right to choose, you must vote AGAINST the proposed UtiliCorp/KCPL merger. Please sign, date and return the BLUE proxy card today.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ John E. Hayes, Jr.
John E. Hayes, Jr.
Chairman of the Board
and Chief Executive Officer

[F1] The Western Resources offer provides \$28.00 worth of Western Resources common stock per KCPL share as long as Western Resources' share price is between \$28.43 and \$30.77. The premium is based on KCPL's closing share price on April 12, 1996, the last trading day before the public announcement of the Western Resources offer.

[F2] Based on the closing price of Western Resources common stock on May 13, 1996 and Western Resources' projected 1998 dividend of \$2.14 per share, as set forth in its preliminary prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to the Western Resources offer. Under the terms of the Western Resources offer, the projected dividend at closing will be between \$1.95 and \$2.10 per KCPL share.

IMPORTANT

If your shares of common stock are held in the name of a bank or brokerage firm, only that firm can execute a proxy card on your behalf. Please contact the person responsible for your account and give instructions for a BLUE proxy card to be voted AGAINST the approval and adoption of the UtiliCorp/KCPL Merger Agreement and the proposed UtiliCorp/KCPL transaction.

If you have questions or need assistance in voting your shares, please contact the firm assisting us in the solicitation of proxies:

GEORGESON
& COMPANY INC
Wall Street Plaza
New York, New York 10005
1-800-223-2064

Western Resources has filed exchange offer materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission and intends to make its offer directly to the shareholders of KCPL as soon as its registration statement has been declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

A registration statement relating to the Western Resources securities referred to in this letter has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission but has not yet become effective. Such securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the registration statement becomes effective. This letter shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state.