SCHEDULE 14A (Rule 14a-101) Information Required in Proxy Statement SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Filed by the registrant // Filed by party other than the registrant /x/Check the appropriate box: Preliminary proxy statement 11 Confidential, for Use of the Commission Only (as permitted by Definitive proxy statement Rule 14a-6(e)(2)) Definitive additional materials Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-11(c) or Rule 14a-12 KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY (Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter) WESTERN RESOURCES, INC. (Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement) Payment of filing fee (Check the appropriate box): \$125 per Exchange Act Rule 0-11(c)(1)(ii), 14a-6(i)(1), or 14a-6(j)(2). \$500 per each party to the controversy pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 14a-6(i)(3). Fee computed on table below per Exchange Act Rules 14a-6(i)4 and 0-11.

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The following is a letter sent to KCPL shareholders on or about May 15, 1996 to request supplemental or corrective information on proxy cards:

[Western Resources Logo]

Re: KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY ANNUAL MEETING MAY 22, 1996

Dear KCPL Shareholder,

Please accept our thanks for sending in your BLUE proxy card.

To avoid the possibility of the validity of your proxy being challenged or disqualified for the reason(s) indicated below, we are requesting that you sign, date and mail the enclosed BLUE proxy card with the correction indicated below in the postage-paid envelope enclosed for your convenience. The enclosed BLUE proxy card will automatically revoke any previously-dated proxy.

[] Your previous proxy was unsigned. Please complete and sign the enclosed BLUE proxy card. If signing as attorney, executor, administrator, personal representative of the estate, corporate officer, partner, trustee, custodian or guardian, please sign and give your full title as such.

[] Your previous proxy was undated. Please sign and date the enclosed BLUE proxy card to conform to the name shown on the proxy.

[] Your previous proxy omitted your title or authority. If signing as attorney, executor, administrator, personal representative of the estate, corporate officer, partner, trustee, custodian or guardian, please complete and sign the enclosed BLUE proxy card and give your full title as such.

[] Your previous proxy, as signed, did not conform to the name shown on the proxy. Please date and sign the enclosed BLUE proxy card exactly as the registration appears on the proxy, including your full title if signing other than in an individual capacity. If the registration is in the name of a custodian for the benefit of a minor, the custodian must sign and indicate their capacity. If you are a beneficiary 18 years or older, you may sign as long as you indicate your age.

[ ] Your previous proxy, as marked, did not clearly specify your instructions. Please sign, date and clearly mark the enclosed BLUE proxy card.

Since time is of the essence, we would greatly appreciate your signing, dating and mailing the enclosed BLUE proxy card as soon as possible. Please mail it in the postage-paid envelope enclosed for your convenience. Once again, we appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

WESTERN RESOURCES, INC.

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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

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The following is a letter to KCPL shareholders mailed on or about May 15, 1996:

Dear KCPL Shareholder:

The decision you are asked to make in the next few days will affect the future of your investment in KCPL. Enclosed is an information brochure designed to provide you with details of the Western Resources proposal.

Western Resources is offering you a tax-free transaction in which you would receive a significant premium for your shares, a substantial increase in your dividends, and, we believe, greater security for your investment than is available from UtiliCorp. Before making this important financial decision, you should carefully consider our proposal.

Western Resources is offering \$28.00 worth of stock for each share of KCPL you own, which represents a 17% premium over market value.1 The dividend you would receive is \$1.97 in the year following the merger of Western Resources and KCPL, an increase of 26.5% compared with your current annual indicated dividend of \$1.56. In addition, the indicated annual dividend is projected to be no less than \$1.95 and up to \$2.11 per KCPL share.2

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I URGE YOU TO ACT TO PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT BY VOTING THE ENCLOSED BLUE PROXY CARD AGAINST THE UTILICORP TRANSACTION. PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED BLUE PROXY CARD TODAY.

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WESTERN RESOURCES IS OFFERING KGE CUSTOMERS \$100 MILLION IN RATE REDUCTIONS IN THE TEN YEARS FOLLOWING THE MERGER.

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WESTERN RESOURCES IS OFFERING KCPL CUSTOMERS \$210 MILLION IN RATE REDUCTIONS IN THE TEN YEARS FOLLOWING THE MERGER.

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