# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 12b-25

## NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

(CHECK ONE):	☐ Form 10-K ☐ Form 20-F ☐ Form 11-K ☐ Form 10-Q ☐ From N-SAR ☐ Form N-CSR	
For Period Ended: Decemb	per 31, 2002	
<ul> <li>□ Transition Report on F</li> </ul>	orm 20-F orm 11-K orm 10-Q	
For the Transition Period I	Ended:	
Read instruction (on back	page) before preparing form. Please print or type.	
Nothing in this form shall	be construed to imply that the commission has verified any information conta	ined herein.
If the notification relates to	o a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notif	cation relates:
	PART I — REGISTRANT INFORMATIO	N
Full Name of Registrant:	Kansas Gas and Electric Company	
Former Name if Applicabl	e:	
Address of Principal Exec	utive Office (Street and Number):	
	818 South Kansas Avenue	
City, State and Zip Code:	Topeka, Kansas 66612	

#### PART II — RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

- (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;
- (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
  - (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

#### PART III — NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail the reasons why Form 10-K, 11-K, 20-F, 10-Q, N-SAR, N-CSR, or the transition report portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period. (Attach extra sheets if needed.)

The Company requires additional time to file the Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002 to provide sufficient time for a special committee of the Board of Directors of Westar Energy, Inc. ("Westar"), our parent, to complete a previously announced investigation. At that time, the independent auditors for the Company and Westar will be able to complete their audit of the financial statements of the Company and Westar. The special committee has advised Westar that the investigation is expected to be completed within 15 days.

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

 Larry D. Irick
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 (Name)
 (Area Code)
 (Telephone Number)

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports been filed? If the answer is no, identify report(s).

⊠ Yes □ No

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?							
			□ Yes	⊠ No			
If so: attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively the results cannot be made.	and quantit	atively, and,	if appropriate,	state the reasons why a	ı reasonable estimate of		
Kansas Gas and Electric Company							
(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)							
has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.							
Date: April 1, 2003	By:	/S/	Larry D. Iri	CK	<u></u>		
		Name:	Larry D. Irick				

Instruction. The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than executive officer), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.

Title:

Secretary

### ATTENTION

Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal Criminal Violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).