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(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

WESTERN RESOURCES, INC.

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The following press release was issued on May 22, 1996:

WESTERN RESOURCES FILES TESTIMONY TO
ELECTRIC RATE CASE AT KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION

COMPANY REMAINS COMMITTED TO LOWERING RATES BY
\$92 MILLION

TOPEKA, Kansas, May 22, 1996 -- Western Resources today filed
testimony in its regulatory plan pending before the Kansas Corporation
Commission supporting its plan to lower electric rates by approximately \$92
million during the next seven years.

"Our filing today shows that our electric rates are where they should
be, and plans for future reductions of \$92 million have a solid foundation"
said John E. Hayes, Jr., Western Resources chairman of the board and chief
executive officer.

On August 17, 1995, Western Resources filed a regulatory plan to
accelerate depreciation on the Wolf Creek Generating Station and
simultaneously reduce rates for KGE electric retail customers. The plan
proposes \$8.7 million in annual reductions over the next seven years for a

total of approximately \$61 million in reductions for KGE retail electric customers.

In addition, Western Resources' recent KCPL merger proposal would add \$21 million in annual electric rate reductions for KCPL customers and another \$10 million annually for KGE electric retail customers.

Western Resources earnings figures were calculated with the assistance of two private consulting firms -- Benore Financial Consultants, New London, Connecticut; and Applied Energy Group, Hauppauge, New York.

"Whatever our cost of service studies show, we are keenly aware of the competitive forces that necessitate lowering rates, not raising them," said Hayes. "We are ready and willing to move forward to ensure that we are implementing our series of rate reductions in a timely manner to benefit customers."

Hayes said that if the KCC approves the pending rate reduction plan and merger proposal with KCPL, KGE and KCPL retail electric rates would be 10 percent below the current national average by 2002. KPL rates, already 27 percent below the national average, are expected to remain stable.

Western Resources (NYSE:WR) is a diversified energy company. Its utilities, KPL and KGE, operating in Kansas and Oklahoma, provide natural gas service to approximately 650,000 customers and electric service to approximately 600,000 customers. Through its subsidiaries, Westar Business Services, Westar Consumer Services, Westar Capital, and The Wing Group, energy-related products and services are developed and marketed in the continental U.S., and offshore.

For more information about Western Resources and its operating companies, visit us on the Internet at <http://www.wstnres.com>.

Western Resources has filed exchange offer materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission and intends to make its offer directly to 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 these materials 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. These materials 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.

The following Employee Update was issued on May 22, 1996:

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