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The following letter was mailed to Western Resources shareowners on or about July 14, 1998.
David C. Wittig President and Chief Executive Officer
July 13, 1998
Dear Shareowner,
We are nearing the July 30, 1998, vote to create Westar Energy, the new

In the proxy statement and the "Building the Best" brochure, we have outlined how this transaction will work and why we strongly believe it deserves your support.

flexibility.

company to be formed from the electric operations of Western Resources and Kansas City Power & Light. As a result of the creation of Westar Energy, Western Resources will enter a new phase in our history, a phase we believe will give your investment tremendous opportunity for growth, strength and

The enthusiasm of both companies for this combination is apparent. We worked very hard for more than two years to bring our relationship with KCPL to this point.

You should also be aware that many people whose job it is to objectively analyze our industry have praised this transaction and the strategic direction of Western Resources.

I'd like to share some of these with you.

"We like WR for its aggressive and innovative management style as evidenced by the creative agreement it entered into with KLT. This unique and creative approach will give the electric operations of both companies a foundation for success in the new competitive environment. We believe shareholders will reap the benefits of the regulated utility assets of WR and KLT. Western has proven time and again that it can meet the aggressive goals it has set for itself in terms of gaining access to new customers while maintaining its financial integrity."

- Edward J. Tirello BT Alex Brown Inc. June 18, 1998

"This new structure should allow management to continue the very successful pursuit of other opportunities in the electric business. We think the merger enhances the growth potential of both companies."

- Dennis Hudson George K. Baum & Company April 9, 1998

"We believe an expansion in the valuation will accompany Western Resources progress in its competitive strategy to become a nationwide provider of electric, gas and monitored security services and will materialize in recognition of the successful execution of the company's acquisition program."

- Dan Rudakas
Everen Securities Inc.
June 23, 1998

The last three years have been an exciting time for Western Resources. We have made significant progress in preparing your company for the changes in the marketplace. Now, we need you to help us complete this transaction by returning your proxy card right away.

There are three proposals on the card. Approval of all three proposals is needed for Western Resources to complete this combination as planned. We urge you to vote for this transaction, and to send in your proxy as soon as possible for the July 30, 1998, meeting. If you already sent in your proxy card you do not need to do so again. If you have any questions, please contact our proxy solicitor, Georgeson & Company, at 1-800/223-2064.

Sincerely,

David C. Wittig
President and Chief Executive Officer

Western Resources

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and costs. See the Company's annual report on Form 10K for the year ended December 31, 1997 for a discussion of factors affecting the Company.