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KANSAS CITY POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

WESTERN RESOURCES, INC.

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The following employee update was issued on July 18, 1996.

Employee Update 7/18/96

The following information is being provided to analysts and brokers and
highlights our reasons why a Western Resources/KCPL merger is beneficial to
all involved. We thought you might be interested in what we're saying to the
financial community.

WESTERN RESOURCES BELIEVES:

1. Our offer provides superior dividend enhancement for each KLT
share. [1] [2]
 - WR Offer \$2.00 - \$2.35
 - UCU/KLT "intention to recommend"
a post-merger dividend of \$1.85

2. Our offer provides superior market value for each KLT share.
 - KLT Price \$23.875 [3] \$25.875 [4]
 - WR Offer 31.00 31.00
 - WR Premium to KLT 30% 20%

3. WR has a stronger balance sheet and credit rating. [5]
 - Western is rated A-/A3
 - UtiliCorp is rated BBB/Baa3
4. WR has a better track record than UtiliCorp.
 - Total shareholder returns (dividends and capital appreciation, through 12/31/95) 50% greater than UtiliCorp since the WR KPL/KGE merger in March, 1992
5. Our offer has far greater projected merger savings.
 - WR/KLT savings (10 years) \$1,043 million
 - UCU/KLT savings (10 years) \$ 636 million
 - WR/KLT % greater savings 64%
6. Our offer is better for customers.
 - WR plan offers rate reductions of \$80 million to KLT Kansas customers in first 10 years (30% more than the UCU/KLT plan)
 - WR plan offers rate reductions of \$100 million for WR's KGE customers in first 10 years
 - WR will honor the rate settlement KLT reached for customers in Missouri providing \$200 million rate reductions in the first 10 years
7. Our offer requires fewer regulatory approvals.
 - Western needs approval or review from just two states (Kansas & Missouri), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Hart-Scott-Rodino, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). UtiliCorp needs approvals from the FERC, Hart-Scott-Rodino, NRC, seven states and three foreign countries.
8. Our offer is employee friendly.
 - Western has committed to no layoffs
 - UCU/KLT have made no such commitment
9. WR has demonstrated success with large mergers.
 - Western's KPL/KGE merger in 1992 was precedent-setting and achieved its objectives.
10. Vote AGAINST the UCU/KLT revised proposal on the GOLD proxy card.
 - For questions, call Rick Kready, Western Resources' director of investor relations: 913-575-8226 or call Georgeson Company, Inc. 1-800-223-2064.

[1] Dividend at closing based on 1998 post-merger Western Resources projected annual dividend of \$2.14 per share; and, announcement by UCU/KLT of intent to recommend a dividend of \$1.85 following the close of the proposed UCU/KLT combination.

[2] Subject to exchange ratio of 0.933 - 1.100 Western Resources shares for each KLT share.

[3] Market price on last trading day before WR's original offer (4/12/96).

[4] Market price on last trading day before WR's revised offer (6/14/96).

[5] WR has been put on credit watch with negative implication. WR believes it is typical for companies to be placed on credit watch following a merger offer.

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