
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Amendment No. 52 to

SCHEDULE 14D-9

Solicitation/Recommendation Statement Pursuant to
Section 14(d)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
(Name of Subject Company)

KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
(Name of Person Filing Statement)

Common Stock, no par value
(Title of Class of Securities)

485134100
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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This statement amends and supplements the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 of Kansas City Power & Light Company, a Missouri corporation ("KCPL"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on July 9, 1996, as amended, (the "Schedule 14D-9"), with respect to the exchange offer made by Western Resources, Inc., a Kansas corporation ("Western Resources"), to exchange Western Resources common stock, par value \$5.00 per share, for all of the outstanding shares of KCPL common stock, no par value ("KCPL Common Stock"), on the terms and conditions set forth in the prospectus of Western Resources dated July 3, 1996 and the related Letter of Transmittal.

Capitalized terms used and not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Schedule 14D-9.

Item 9. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

The following Exhibit is filed herewith:

Exhibit 131 Press release jointly issued by KCPL and
Western Resources on January 15, 1997.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of her knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set

forth in this Statement is true, complete and correct.

KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

By: /s/ Jeanie Sell Latz
Jeanie Sell Latz
Senior Vice President-Corporate

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Dated: January 16, 1997

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JOINT NEWS RELEASE

KCPL, WESTERN RESOURCES
CONTINUE WORK TOWARD AGREEMENT

TENDER OFFER EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 5

KANSAS CITY, Missouri, and TOPEKA, Kansas, January 15, 1997 (6:00 p.m. CST) -- Kansas City Power & Light Company (NYSE:KLT) and Western Resources, Inc. (NYSE:WR) said today that substantive merger negotiations are continuing between the two companies.

As a result of the positive dialogue between the companies, Western Resources is extending the expiration date of its tender offer to 5 p.m. EST, February 5, 1997, and will continue to refrain from actively soliciting tenders of KCPL shares.

Although there can be no assurance that any agreement will result from such negotiations, if a definitive merger agreement is reached on or prior to February 5, it is Western Resources' intention to terminate its tender offer at such time and proceed with the merger.

As of 5 p.m. EST January 15, 1997, 30.2 million shares of KCPL (or approximately 49 percent of the total outstanding shares) had been tendered to Western Resources.