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KANSAS CITY POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

WESTERN RESOURCES, INC.

(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement)

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The following advertisement will be used in newspapers beginning on August 8,
1996:

ATTENTION KCPL SHAREHOLDERS

WE FIRMLY BELIEVE
VALUE
SHOULD NOT
BE DELAYED
ANY LONGER.
IT'S TIME TO VOTE
FOR THE STRONGER OFFER.

WESTERN RESOURCES' OFFER*
Dividend per KCPL share: \$2.00 - \$2.35
Price per KCPL share: \$31.00

We believe when KCPL's excuses are stripped away, all that's left is KCPL
executives' desire for the big bonuses UtiliCorp's proposal is offering them.

NO MORE DELAYS. CHOOSE WESTERN RESOURCES. MAKE YOUR LAST VOTE COUNT.

Vote AGAINST the Proposed Merger with UtiliCorp on the GOLD Proxy Card.

Western Resources
[LOGO]

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON OUR OFFER, CALL GEORGESON & COMPANY,
ASSISTING US AT 1-800-223-2064, OR ACCESS OUR WEB SITE AT
<http://www.wstnres.com>.

*Dividend per KCPL share is based upon Western Resources' projected post-merger 1998 annual dividend rate of \$2.14 per share of Western Resources common stock and the exchange ratio in Western Resources' offer. Price per KCPL share (payable in Western Resources common stock) assumes that Western Resources' average share price is between \$28.18 and \$33.23 at the time of closing.

This advertisement is neither an offer to exchange nor a solicitation of an offer to exchange shares of common stock of KCPL. Such offer is made solely by the Prospectus dated July 3, 1996, and the related Letter of Transmittal, and is not being made to, nor will tenders be accepted from or on behalf of, holders of shares of common stock of KCPL in any jurisdiction in which the making of such offer or the acceptance thereof would not be in compliance with the laws of such jurisdiction. In any jurisdictions where securities, blue sky or other laws require such offer to be made by a licensed broker or dealer, such offer shall be deemed to be made on behalf of Western Resources, Inc. By Salomon Brothers Inc or one or more registered brokers or dealers licensed under the laws of such jurisdiction.

The following letter was sent to KCPL shareowners by John E. Hayes, Jr. on August 8, 1996:

John E. Hayes, Jr.
Chairman of the Board
and Chief Executive Officer

August 8, 1996

Dear KCPL Shareowner:

KCPL management has delayed a shareowner vote on the UtiliCorp proposal again. The latest delay resulted from a federal court ruling which blocked KCPL's attempt to bypass Missouri law. The statute, which exists for your protection, requires a two-thirds vote of shareowners to approve mergers. As a result the Securities and Exchange Commission has required KCPL to advise you of the Court's decision before proceeding with the shareowner meeting.

Western Resources is as ready as you are for the vote to be completed. We were ready for the May 22 vote. We were ready for the August 7 vote. We are ready for the vote on August 16.

As the vote on the UtiliCorp transaction finally approaches, we believe you should consider the following:

KCPL's executives believed that shareowners would support the UtiliCorp proposal at the May 22 Annual Meeting. They were wrong. When they failed to get your support, they removed that issue from the agenda and refused to count your votes.

They said the UtiliCorp proposal was a better deal for you. The analysts said they were wrong. The vast majority of independent industry analysts recommend Western Resources' offer over the UtiliCorp proposal.

They told you our rate case would devastate our stock price. They were wrong. Western Resources' stock price was unaffected on the day of the announcement of the settlement.

They spent days trying to convince ISS to support their deal. When ISS recommended that its clients vote AGAINST their deal, KCPL management told you ISS was wrong.

Now they are telling you that the Missouri federal court is wrong!

Ask yourself, what's wrong with this picture?

I urge you to vote today to protect your financial interest. Remember, Western Resources has a 72-year-old record of delivering on its promises.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

/s/ John E. Hayes, Jr.

IMPORTANT

If you've already voted AGAINST the UtiliCorp proposal, we thank you. If you haven't voted, or if you previously voted FOR the UtiliCorp proposal, IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO VOTE AGAINST. Please sign, date and return the enclosed GOLD proxy card today. If you have any questions or need assistance in the last-minute voting of your shares, please contact Georgeson & Company Inc., toll-free at 1-800-223-2064.

This letter is neither an offer to exchange nor a solicitation of an offer to exchange Shares. The Offer is made solely by the Prospectus dated July 3, 1996, and the related Letter of Transmittal, and is not being made to, nor will tenders be accepted from or on behalf of, holders of Shares in any jurisdiction in which the making of the Offer or the acceptance thereof would not be in compliance with the laws of such jurisdiction. In any jurisdictions where securities, blue sky or other laws require the Offer to be made by a licensed broker or dealer, the Offer shall be deemed to be made on behalf of Western Resources, Inc. by Salomon Brothers Inc or one or more registered brokers or dealers licensed under the laws of such jurisdiction.

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John E. Hayes, Jr.
Chairman of the Board
and Chief Executive Officer

August 8, 1996

Addressee

Dear Addressee,

In response to your comments regarding our proposed merger with Kansas City Power and Light, I thank you for your interest. I am pleased that you understand our offer and the benefits a Western Resources/KCPL merger provides.

Please know that we have worked hard to create a respected reputation on business matters that, above all else, benefit shareowners, customers and the communities we serve.

Part of those business efforts recently included the intense advertising campaign you mentioned. This campaign, launched following our merger offer to KCPL, played a significant role in reaching as many people -- shareowners, investors, employees and customers -- as possible with as much information as possible. After careful consideration, these advertisements proved the most cost-effective method of reaching all audiences.

I also know that you and others have received significant information directly from both Kansas City Power & Light and us concerning the proposed merger. I regret that at least one of my letters was not received well by you. That letter was simply my intent to keep you advised as to our overall approach to this merger activity.

We remain convinced that a Western Resources/KCPL combination would be the most beneficial to all involved especially in light of the savings generated by overlapping service territories and more than \$8 billion in combined assets. As you are aware, today, more than \$2 billion, or 25 percent of those assets are jointly owned or operated.

Again, thank you for sharing your comments.

Sincerely,

/s/ John E. Hayes, Jr.

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