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KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
(NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

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IBEW

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

Monday, April 22, 1996

To the members of Locals 412, 1464, and 1613 regarding the
proposed merger:

We have had an opportunity to review information filed by Western
Resources with the Kansas Corporation Commission as well as
information supplied by KCPL. We have jointly come to a unified
stance regarding the Western Resources offer. Additionally we
offer a joint recommendation regarding the merger with UtiliCorp
and your proxy vote.

On Monday, April 22, all of us had a meeting at our respective locations regarding this matter. These meetings have made one thing very clear to the leadership of your respective local unions. We believe that our best interest lies with the merger of KCPL and UtiliCorp. To pursue a merger with Western Resources would truly be like buying a "pig in the poke." At the last minute Western Resources has made an offer that can not be reconciled with reality and is obviously only an attempt to buy time in order to get UtiliCorp out of the Picture. Their prediction on savings can only come about by the loss of jobs. We are talking layoffs, not attrition or retirement. Think about it.

The leadership of our company has planned for many months the merger of equals and not the hostile takeover by another company. The plans they have made are being discussed with us and the ability to accomplish this without loss of jobs has always been in the forefront of our discussions. Can we trust them to continue to work with us towards this end? We think the odds on this bet are better than the alternative. We believe our new company will rely heavily on the people they employ to achieve the goals they are setting forth, and this is music to our ears.

As to the offer from Western Resources, in our eyes their claims are unjustifiable with too many unknowns. In a filing with the Kansas Corporation Commission, Western Resources reports 531 jobs will be severed at the time of the merger. This comes just a week after publicly stating there would be no layoffs. Western Resources has stated that there would be a corporate headquarters in Kansas City. This is similar to the promises that KPL made five years ago to KGE. We understand at that time in Wichita KGE had 500+ employees, today that number is less than 200. Claims of higher stock price and higher dividends are also very suspect and unsubstantiated. Western Resources move is an attempt at a hostile takeover as opposed to a friendly merger.

We are asking you to give the same consideration to these conclusions that we have. We are asking you to vote your proxy "for" the merger of UtiliCorp and KCPL. Most importantly we are asking you to take an active part in the development of our new company. Read all the newsletters you can and come to your union meetings. Together we will become a force in this movement and strive to maintain the good jobs, benefits, and seniority rights we have earned.

Meetings will be held at each location in the next week with Union Leaders and Company Executives to answer your questions and concerns.

/s/WALT LITTLE	/s/GARY PHELPS
/s/ROBERT N. MADRIGAL	/s/JAMES WHALEN
/s/NIGEL PECK	/s/LINDA MATHEWS

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KCPL and UtiliCorp
Our unions are for our union

After reviewing all the facts, Locals 412, 1464 and 1613 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers have come to the same conclusion we have. They've endorsed the proposed merger of Kansas City Power & Light Company with UtiliCorp United.

It just makes sense. Not just for the workers, but also for the community and especially for the shareholders. The last ditch effort of Western Resources to block this merger is a desperate attempt to derail the formation of a strong competitor.

Western's hostile takeover attempt has been accompanied by a host of empty promises. Promises that flat out defy reality and are neither believable or achievable.

Western has made inflated savings claims. They've promised dividend increases while their official SEC filings admit the dividend may be substantially less than what they are promising publicly. Don't believe the hype!

The new KCPL/UtiliCorp company will be a merger of two committed partners. Compare that with a forced marriage of a hostile raider and an unwilling victim. Which company would you

invest in for growth, success and increased shareholder value?

The answer is obvious.

Don't gamble on Western's self-serving "promises."
Vote YES to the KCPL/UtiliCorp merger on the WHITE proxy card.

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IT'S ABOUT CREDIBILITY

To Our Shareholders:

OUR FRIENDLY MERGER CREATES A STRONG, NEW COMPANY
... WESTERN IS TRYING TO BREAK IT UP

Clearly, Western Resources, Inc.'s hostile bid is not designed to create a company, it's to break up what it sees as a formidable, new competitor -- the company created through the friendly merger of equals between Kansas City Power & Light Company and UtiliCorp United Inc.

Think about it. To pay fair and equitable dividends -- and to deliver enduring value to shareholders over the long term -- much more is needed than simply an illusory offer built upon faulty assumptions. And Western Resources' "offer" has so many conditions and hurdles attached to it that shareholders have to wonder just how real it really is.

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| Ask yourself: | Why is Western conditioning its "offer" on at least 90% of KCPL shares being tendered ... | ... which is unlikely to be achieved in any hostile situation? |
| Ask yourself: | Are you willing to wait as long as two years hoping to get Western shares knowing that the payoff is in the hands of Western's shareholders ... | ... who will have to approve a deal that appears to be dilutive to them? |
| Ask yourself: | Are you at all confident that Western will receive all "necessary or desirable" governmental and regulatory approvals ... | ... when it states, in its own S-4 SEC filing, that there can be no assurances that such approvals can be obtained? |
| Ask yourself: | Are you certain that this transaction is tax-free (which the KCPL/UtiliCorp merger would be) ... | ... when Western admitted, in its S-4 SEC filing, that the tax-exempt status of the transaction "is not free from doubt"? |
| Ask yourself: | Are you certain that Missouri's anti-takeover statute, which among other things requires KCPL's board approval, won't preclude the deal from closing ... | ... when KCPL's Board of Directors already has rejected Western's offer? |
| Ask yourself: | Are you aware that an exchange offer in the utility industry can't close until all regulatory approvals are received ... | ... which could take up to two years? |
| Ask yourself: | Are you comfortable with Western having up to two years to amend its offer, or terminate it completely ... | ... when it may do so, at any time during that period, at its sole discretion? |
| Ask yourself: | Are you confident that there will be no layoffs in a hostile takeover of KCPL ... | ... when Western admits in its official filings to 531 "merger related reductions"? |

Your conclusion should be obvious.

Western's hostile bid is not credible,
it's not achievable,
and it's not strategic.

And your choice also should be obvious. Vote for the
KCPL/UtiliCorp merger. Don't let this transaction go away.
Please sign, date and mail the WHITE proxy card today.

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing the
WHITE proxy card, KCPL shareholders should call KCPL's proxy
solicitor, D.F. King & Co., Inc., toll free, at 1-800-714-
3312.

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