

FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

WESTERN RESOURCES CAPITAL II  
(Exact name of registrant, as specified in  
Trust Agreements)

Kansas  
(State or incorporation  
or organization)

48-6343919  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

c/o Western Resources, Inc.  
818 Kansas Avenue  
Topeka, Kansas  
(Address of principal executive offices)

66612  
(Zip Code)

WESTERN RESOURCES, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its  
certificate of incorporation)

Kansas  
(State of incorporation  
or organization)

48-0290150  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

818 Kansas Avenue  
Topeka, Kansas  
(Address of principal executive offices)

66612  
(Zip Code)

If this Form relates to the registration  
of a class of debt securities and is  
effective upon filing pursuant to  
General Instruction A(c)(1), please  
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If this Form relates to the  
registration of a class of debt  
securities and is to become  
effective simultaneously with the  
effectiveness of a concurrent  
registration statement under the  
Securities Act of 1933 pursuant to  
General Instruction A(c)(2), please  
check the following box. ( )

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class  
to be so registered

Name of each exchange on which each  
class is to be registered

Western Resources Capital II  
\_\_\_% Cumulative Quarterly Income  
Preferred Securities, Series B  
(and the Guarantee by Western  
Resources, Inc. with respect  
thereto)

New York Stock Exchange

Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

The \_\_\_% Cumulative Quarterly Income Preferred Securities, Series B  
("Series B Preferred Securities"), of Western Resources Capital II ("Capital"),  
a Delaware statutory business trust created under the laws of Delaware,  
registered hereby represent undivided beneficial interests in the assets of  
Capital and are guaranteed by Western Resources, Inc. ("Western Resources"), a  
Kansas corporation, to the extent set forth in the form of Guarantee by Western  
Resources and Wilmington Trust Company, as Guarantee Trustee (the "Guarantee"),  
which is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4(e) to the Registration  
Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement") of Western Resources and  
Capital (File No. 333-5123) (which incorporated by reference the information in

the Registration Statement on Form S-3 of Western Resources and Capital (File No. 33-63505)), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). The particular terms of the Preferred Securities and the Guarantee are described in the prospectus supplement and the prospectus (collectively, the "Prospectus") which forms a part of the Registration Statement. The Prospectus and the form of Guarantee are incorporated by reference herein as set forth in Item 2 below. Such Prospectus as may hereafter be amended and filed as part of an amendment to the Registration Statement or otherwise pursuant to Rule 424(b) is hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 2. Exhibits.

Filed herewith:

Prospectus Supplement pertaining to the offer and sale of the Preferred Securities, which forms a part of, and is incorporated by reference to, the Registration Statement.

Certificate of Trust of Western Resources Capital II (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(g) to the Registration Statement).

Trust Agreement of Western Resources Capital II (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(i) to the Registration Statement).

Form of Amended and Restated Trust Agreement (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(j) to the Registration Statement).

Form of Series B Preferred Security (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(a) to the Registration Statement).

Form of Guarantee between Western Resources, as Guarantor and Wilmington Trust Company, as Guarantee Trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(e) to the Registration Statement).

Form of Indenture between Western Resources and Wilmington Trust Company, as Debenture Trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(c) to the Registration Statement).

Form of Supplemental Indenture between Western Resources and Wilmington Trust Company, as Debenture Trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(d) to the Registration Statement).

Form of Series B Debenture (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(b) to the Registration Statement).

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Western Resources, Inc. has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

WESTERN RESOURCES, INC.

Date: July 25, 1996  
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By:/s/ RICHARD D. TERRILL  
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Name: Richard D. Terrill  
Title: Secretary and  
Associate General  
Counsel

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Western Resources Capital II has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

WESTERN RESOURCES CAPITAL II

By: Western Resources, Inc.,  
as Depositor

Date: July 25, 1995  
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By:/s/ RICHARD D. TERRILL  
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Name: Richard D. Terrill  
Title: Secretary and  
Associate  
General Counsel