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

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[Text of a mailgram sent to KCPL shareholders]

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT CO.

Earlier today, it was announced that Western Resources had agreed with  
the staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) to the imposition

of rate reductions which exceed by \$180 million those initially proposed by Western. The proposed 5-year settlement contemplates an initial rate reduction of \$54.7 million per year, escalating to \$64.7 million annually on January 1, 1998. This will result in revenue reductions of more than \$300 million for Western over the next five years, underscoring our concerns regarding Western's ability to pay dividends at its promised rate. In addition, the proposed rate reductions are subject to approval by the KCC and can be adjusted further.

We believe the imposition of these rate reductions should be a major cause of concern for KCPL shareholders. Not surprisingly, in the closing days of this proxy contest, Western is trying to portray this loss of more than \$300 million in revenue as a favorable development. In addition, the announced agreement does nothing to address our previously expressed concerns regarding Western's overstated merger savings estimates and allowable savings retention rates.

The special meeting to approve the KCPL/UtiliCorp merger will be held on August 7. We strongly urge you to vote "FOR" the KCPL/UtiliCorp merger today by signing, dating and returning one of the WHITE proxy cards previously forwarded to you.

A failure to approve the KCPL/UtiliCorp merger would deprive you of its potential for growth in revenue, income and share value --along with an 18% increase in your annual dividend, without any assurance that Western's hostile exchange offer would ever be consummated.

Sincerely,

KCPL Investor Relations  
1-(800) 245-5275

Drue Jennings  
Chairman of the Board and President

D. F. King & Co., Inc.  
1-(800) 714-3312

July 26, 1996

July 27, 1996

DEAR SHAREHOLDER:

We are writing to let you know about an important recent development. Yesterday, it was announced that Western Resources had agreed with the staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) to the imposition of rate reductions which exceed by \$180 million those initially proposed by Western. The proposed 5-year settlement contemplates an initial rate reduction of \$54.7 million per year, escalating to \$64.7 million annually on January 1, 1998.

This will result in revenue reductions of more than \$300 million for Western over the next five years, underscoring our concerns regarding Western's ability to pay dividends at its promised rate. In addition, the proposed rate reductions are subject to approval by the KCC and can be adjusted further.

As indicated on the reverse side of this letter, we believe the loss of revenue resulting from these rate reductions, coupled with our previously expressed concerns regarding Western's overstated merger-related savings projections, will negatively impact Western's future stock value.

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Sincerely,

/s/Drue Jennings

Western Resources Forecast of 1998 Earnings Per Share for Western Resources/KCPL Combination*	\$2.52
Adjustment to Reflect \$64.7 Million Revenue Reduction Contemplated by Proposed Settlement with KCC Staff**	(0.08)
Adjustment to Reflect Overstatement of Merger-Related Savings by Western Resources***	(0.11)
Revised Estimate of Western Resources' 1998 Earnings per Share for Western Resources/KCPL Combination	\$2.33
Implied REDUCTION in Western Resources Common Stock value in 1998 based on assumed price/earnings ratio of 11.5****	\$2.19

\* As reported in the Western Resources Prospectus dated July 3, 1996 and excluding costs to achieve savings and transaction costs. In the Western Resources Prospectus, Western Resources estimated earnings per share for 1998 based on Western Resources' closing stock price on July 2, 1996 resulting in an exchange ratio of 1.01224.

\*\* In its agreement with the KCC staff, Western committed to \$64.7 million in cash rate reductions in 1998 and agreed that certain other depreciation adjustments would be

considered by the KCC staff in the future. KCPL believes the difference between this \$64.7 million stipulated revenue reduction and Western's original regulatory proposal negatively impacts earnings before income taxes by approximately \$17 million. When adjusted by an effective tax rate of 40%, the resulting after-tax effect is \$10.2 million. This results in a reduction to earnings per share of approximately \$.08, based on 128,136,000 shares outstanding.

\*\*\* Assumes that \$70.421 million in first year savings claimed in the Western Resources Prospectus are overstated by \$23.474 million. KCPL's analysis of Western Resources' claimed merger-related savings indicated that Western Resources overestimated total purchasing savings by 62.7% and overestimated total administrative savings by 48.5%. Applying such percentages to the first year purchasing and administrative savings in Western Resources' Prospectus indicates that first year merger-related savings are overstated by slightly more than one-third. One-third of Western Resources' estimate of \$70.421 million equals \$23.474 million. The \$23.474 million adjustment as reduced by 40% to reflect the effect of taxes results in an after-tax adjustment of \$14.084 million, which results in a reduction to earnings per share of approximately \$0.11 based upon 128,136,000 shares outstanding.

\*\*\*\* Utility industry estimated average for 1996 as calculated in Merrill Lynch report dated June 24, 1996.

The foregoing contains certain statements of opinion and belief of KCPL. The foregoing information is provided to facilitate an analysis of the potential value of Western Resources' offer. The implied reduction, if any, in Western Resources' common stock value may be greater or less than indicated above.

The chart set forth above supersedes charts previously furnished to shareholders in which rate reduction adjustments were based on the \$105 million annual rate reduction initially recommended by the KCC staff. As previously calculated, the implied reduction in Western's 1998 per share common stock value ranged from \$3.68-\$3.80.

[Other solicitation materials revising materials filed on July 11, 1996]

To: Followers of Kansas City Power & Light Company

From: David Myers  
Manager, Investor Relations

Date: July 29, 1996

In light of Western Resources' announcement of its proposed settlement with the Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission, we have revised page 13 of KCPL's booklet entitled, "A Guide To The Merger". The proposed 5-year settlement contemplates an initial rate reduction of \$54.7 million per year, escalating to \$64.7 million annually on January 1, 1998. This will result in revenue reductions of more than \$300 million for Western over the next five years, underscoring our concerns regarding Western's ability to pay dividends at its promised rate. We believe the imposition of these rate reductions should be a major cause of concern for KCPL shareholders. Not surprisingly, in the closing days of this proxy contest, Western is trying to portray this loss of \$300 million in revenues as a favorable development.

Please replace the enclosed page 13 with the one included in the "Guide To The Merger".

[KCPL Logo]

[UtiliCorp United  
EnergyOne Logo]

A GUIDE TO THE MERGER

Revised July 29, 1996

The following is not a prediction as to specific future market values and should be read in conjunction with page 3 hereof. Specific future market values cannot be predicted with certainty

Potential for significant rate reductions

We Believe Western Rate Reductions Will Result in Lower Values for Shareholders

Rate Case Scenarios:	\$8.7MM Rate Red/ WR Proposal*	\$64.7MM Reduction/ KCC/WR Stipulation**	Incremental Annual Net Depreciation Increases
Pro forma 1998 EPS	\$2.52(1)	\$2.44(4)	
Less: Synergy adjustment-See page 14		0.11	
Adjusted pro forma 1998 EPS		\$2.33	
Cash flow impact		(\$48MM)	
Combined dividend payout(2)	84.9%	91.8%	
Implied WR price at P/E of 11.5(3)	\$28.98	\$26.80	
Implied KCPL share value	\$31.00	\$29.48	

- (1) As reported in Amendment No. 2 to S-4 dated July 3, 1996 filed by Western with the SEC; EPS based on exchange ratio of 1.01224
- (2) Using \$2.14 dividend rate reported in Amendment No. 2 to Western S-4
- (3) Utility industry average as calculated in Merrill Lynch report dated June 24, 1996
- (4) Represents an \$0.08 reduction from Western's estimated 1998 EPS of \$2.52. In its agreement with the KCC staff, Western committed to \$64.7 million in cash rate reductions in 1998 and agreed that certain other depreciation adjustments would be considered by the KCC staff in the future. KCPL believes the difference between this \$64.7 million stipulated revenue reduction and Western's original regulatory proposal negatively impacts earnings before income taxes by approximately \$17 million. When adjusted by an effective tax rate of 40%, the resulting after-tax effect is \$10.2 million. This results in a reduction to earnings per share of approximately \$0.08, based on 128,136,000 shares outstanding.

\*As filed with the KCC in the WR stand-alone regulatory plan

\*\*Per Western Resources' stipulation agreement with KCC Utilities Division staff