

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): September 19,  
1996 (September 17, 1996)

KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

1-707  
(Commission file number)

Missouri  
(State of other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

44-0308720  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

1201 Walnut Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(816) 556-2200  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger Terminated

On September 17, 1996, Kansas City Power & Light Company terminated the Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger among Kansas City Power & Light Company, KC Merger Sub, Inc., UtiliCorp United Inc., and KC United Corp., dated as of January 19, 1996, and as amended May 20, 1996 (the Agreement). A copy of the press release is filed as an exhibit to this Form 8-K.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibit  
Number

99. Press release, dated September 18, 1996, of Kansas City Power & Light Company.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

/s/Jeanie Sell Latz  
Jeanie Sell Latz  
Senior Vice President-Corporate  
Services and Corporate Secretary

Date: September 19, 1996

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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KCPL TERMINATES MERGER AGREEMENT

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Kansas City, Missouri (September 18, 1996) -- Kansas City Power & Light (NYSE: KLT) announced today that in view of the failure of KCPL stockholders to approve the KCPL/UtiliCorp merger, it has terminated the definitive merger agreement with UtiliCorp United Inc. (NYSE: UCU) in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Kansas City Power & Light Company provides electric power to a growing and diversified service territory encompassing metropolitan Kansas City and parts of eastern Kansas and western Missouri. KCPL is a low-cost producer and leader in fuel procurement and plant technology. KLT Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of KCPL, pursues opportunities in non-regulated, primarily energy-related ventures.

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September 19, 1996

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER: (816) 556-2936

Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20549

Attention: Filing Desk

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We hereby file with you by direct transmission to the Commission's EDGAR system a report of Kansas City Power & Light Company on Form 8-K. Signed counterparts of this report on Form 8-K are being forwarded to the New York Stock Exchange and the Chicago Stock Exchange.

Sincerely,

/s/Jeanie Sell Latz  
Senior Vice President-  
Corporate Services

JSL:jh

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cc: New York Stock Exchange  
Chicago Stock Exchange