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KANSAS CITY POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

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(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

WESTERN RESOURCES, INC.

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(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement)

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OUR OFFER MEANS  
MORE MONEY FOR  
KCPL SHAREHOLDERS.

24%  
MORE

Western Resources' merger offer to KCPL pays shareholders a 24%\* increase in  
dividend, and delivers a 17%\*\* premium over market value.

The bottom line:

Western Resources' offer is better for KCPL shareholders.

\*Based upon closing stock prices April 30, 1996, and Western Resources' current annual dividend of \$2.06 per share. \*\*Based upon closing stock prices April 12, 1996, the last trading date prior to the public announcement of Western Resources' offer.

SHARES OF KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY ("KCPL")  
COMMON STOCK HELD BY WESTERN RESOURCES, INC. ("WESTERN RESOURCES"), ITS  
DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CERTAIN EMPLOYEES, OTHER  
REPRESENTATIVES OF WESTERN RESOURCES AND CERTAIN OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY SOLICIT  
PROXIES, AND CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN ANY OF THEM AND KCPL

Western Resources may solicit proxies against the KCPL/UtiliCorp United Inc. merger. The participants in this solicitation may include Western Resources, the directors of Western Resources (Frank J. Becker, Gene A. Budig, C.Q. Chandler, Thomas R. Clevenger, John C. Dicus, John E. Hayes, Jr., David H. Hughes, Russell W. Meyer, Jr., John H. Robinson, Louis W. Smith, Susan M. Stanton, Kenneth J. Wagnon and David C. Wittig), and the following executive officers and employees of Western Resources or its subsidiaries: Steven L. Kitchen (E.V.P. and C.F.O.), Carl M. Koupal, Jr. (E.V.P. and CAO), John K. Rosenberg (E.V.P. and G.C.), Jerry D. Courington (Controller), James T. Clark (V.P.), William G. Eliason (V.P.), Thomas L. Grennan (V.P.), Richard M. Haden (E.V.P.), Norman E. Jackson (E.V.P.), James A. Martin (V.P.), Hans E. Mertens (V.P.), Carl A. Ricketts (V.P.), David E. Roth (V.P.), Mark A. Ruelle (V.P.), Edward H. Schaub (V.P.), Thomas E. Shea (Treasurer), Richard D. Terrill (Secretary), William B. Moore (President, KGE), Steven A. Millstein (President, Westar Consumer), Rita A. Sharpe (V.P., Westar Business), Kenneth T. Wymore (President, Westar Business), C. Bob Cline (President, Westar Capital), Fred M. Bryan (President, KPL), Roderick S. Donovan (V.P., Westar Gas Marketing), Catherine A. Forbes, Hal L. Jensen, Lisa A. Walsh, Donald W. Bartling, Michael L. Faler, Clyde R. Hill, Leroy P. Wages, David R. Phelps, Wayne Kitchen, Glen A. Scott, Jr., Kelly B. Harrison, Marcus J. Ramirez, Anita J. Hunt, Ira W. McKee, Jr., Michael D. Clark (Controller, Westar Business), Douglas J. Henry, Annette M. Beck, C.W. Unterkofler, Carol E. Deason, James N. Wishart, Gregory M. Wright, Richard D. Kready, Michel J. Philipp, Greg A. Greenwood, Carolyn A. Starkey, Bruce A. Akin, James J. Ludwig, Bruce R. Burns, Kelly D. Foley, Robin D. Brown, Rechell L. Smith, Shari L. Gentry, Gay V. Crawford, Susan K. Reese, Don W. Whitlock, Denise A. Schumaker, Duane D. Goertz, Robert J. Knott, Judith A. Wilt and Lori A. Finney.

As of April 19, 1996, Western Resources had no security holdings in KCPL. Robert L. Rives, a person who will solicit proxies, is the beneficial owner of 500 shares of common stock, no par value, of KCPL (the "KCPL Common Stock"). Western Resources director Susan M. Stanton serves as co-trustee of two trusts, which beneficially own 7,900 shares of KCPL Common Stock. No trading activity has occurred with respect to any of such stock during the last two years. Western Resources director C.Q. Chandler is Chairman of the board of directors of INTRUST Financial Corporation. INTRUST Bank, a subsidiary of INTRUST Financial Corporation, holds in ten trust accounts an aggregate of 5,468 shares of KCPL Common Stock. Wayne Kitchen is the beneficial owner of 400 shares of KCPL Common Stock.

Other than as set forth, herein, as of the date of this news release, neither Western Resources nor any of its directors, executive officers or other representatives or employees of Western Resources, or other persons known to Western Resources, who may solicit proxies has any security holdings in KCPL. Western Resources disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities of KCPL held by any pension plan of Western Resources or by any affiliate of Western Resources.

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Except as disclosed above, to the knowledge of Western Resources, none of Western Resources, the directors or executive officers of Western Resources or the employees or other representatives of Western Resources named above has any interest, direct or indirect, by security holdings or otherwise, in KCPL.

A registration statement relating to the Western Resources securities referred to in this news release has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission but has not yet become effective. Such securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the registration statement becomes effective. This news release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state.