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

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ANNOUNCER:

Kansas City Power & Light Company is grateful to its
many constituencies who support the KCPL UtiliCorp
merger.

Our Companies are committed to delivering long-term
value to you now and in the future. This truly is a
friendly merger of equals.

Our two companies share not only a vision for the
future, but also a true commitment to the shareholders,
customers, employes and the communities we serve. Our
merger needs your continued support in order to
succeed. If you are a shareholder, vote YES for the

KCPL-UtliCorp merger on your WHITE proxy card.

Kansas City Power & Light Company and UtliCorp. A partnership of equals...working together.

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MISSOURI GOVERNOR CARNAHAN BACKS KCPL/UTILICORP

Kansas City, Missouri (May 16, 1996) -- Kansas City Power & Light Company (NYSE: KLT) Chairman and President Drue Jennings says he is "deeply gratified" that Governor Mel Carnahan of Missouri has announced support of a proposed merger between Kansas City Power & Light Company and UtliCorp United (NYSE: UCU).

Governor Carnahan in his statement said, "I believe that the strategic merger of these two companies will result in a situation that is in the best interest of the State of Missouri. The merger of KCPL and UtliCorp will preserve existing jobs, will create new positions, and will create a Missouri-based corporate headquarters that will have a tremendous economic impact on the Kansas City region."

"I am confident that the result of this merger will be strong corporate leadership and a valuable ally in our economic development efforts. This proposal provides the best future prospects for Missouri and the Kansas City area," Carnahan added.

Drue Jennings said, "I am deeply gratified by this show of support by the Governor. We have received support of this planned strategic merger from such diverse groups as shareholders, legislators, employees, and community organizations. We believe the facts speak for themselves; the friendly merger of equals between KCPL and UtliCorp offers the best prospects for growth."

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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