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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14D-1
(Amendment No. 56)
Tender Offer Statement
(Pursuant to Section 14(d)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934)

Kansas City Power & Light Company
(Name of Subject Company)
Western Resources, Inc.
(Bidder)
Common Stock, Without Par Value
(Title of Class of Securities)
48513410
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)
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This Amendment No. 56 amends and supplements the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule 14D-1 (the "Schedule 14D-1"), originally filed by Western Resources, Inc., a Kansas corporation ("Western Resources"), on July 8, 1996 relating to the exchange offer disclosed therein to exchange all of the outstanding Shares for shares of Western Resources Common Stock upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Prospectus, dated July 3, 1996, and the related Letter of Transmittal. Capitalized terms used and not defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Schedule 14D-1.

Item 3. Past Contacts, Transactions or Negotiations With the Subject Company.

Item 3 is hereby amended and supplemented by reference to the press release filed as Exhibit (a)(140) hereto.

Item 11. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Item 11 is hereby amended and supplemented by adding thereto the following:

(a)(140) Press Release disseminated November 15, 1996.
(a)(141) Press Release disseminated November 18, 1996.

SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

By: /s/ Jerry D. Courington
Name: Jerry D. Courington
Title: Controller

Dated: November 18, 1996

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
(a)(140)	Press Release disseminated November 15, 1996.
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For Immediate Release
November 15, 1996

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Kansas City Power & Light and Western Resources
Issue Joint Statement

Kansas City Power & Light (NYSE: KLT) and Western Resources, Inc. (NYSE: WR) announced today that representatives of their respective boards and managements met on Friday, November 15.

They had a cordial discussion regarding the proposed transaction between the two companies and agreed to meet again in the near future.

Western Resources (NYSE: WR) is a full-service, diversified energy company with total assets of more than \$6 billion. Its utilities, KPL and KGE, operating in Kansas and Oklahoma, provide natural gas service to approximately 650,000 customers and electric service to approximately 600,000 customers. Through its unregulated subsidiaries, Westar Energy, Westar Security, Westar Capital, and The Wing Group, a full range of energy and energy-related products and services are developed and marketed in the continental U.S., and offshore.

For more information about Western Resources and its operating companies, visit us on the Internet at <http://www.wstnres.com>.

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This news release is neither an offer to exchange nor a solicitation of an offer to exchange shares of common stock of KCPL. Such offer is made solely by the Prospectus dated July 3, 1996, and the related Letter of Transmittal, and is not being made to, nor will tenders be accepted from or on behalf of, holders of shares of common stock of KCPL in any jurisdiction in which the making of such offer or the acceptance thereof would not be in compliance with the laws of such jurisdiction. In any jurisdictions where securities, blue sky or other laws require such offer to be made by a licensed broker or dealer, such offer shall be deemed to be made on behalf of Western Resources, Inc. by Salomon Brothers Inc or one or more registered brokers or dealers licensed under the laws of such jurisdiction.

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WESTERN RESOURCES ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF EXCHANGE OFFER

TOPEKA, Kansas, November 18, 1996 (7:15 a.m. CST) -- Western Resources (NYSE:WR) today announced that 47%, or 29.2 million, of the outstanding common shares of Kansas City Power & Light Company (NYSE:KLT) had been tendered to Western Resources by the previously scheduled November 15, 1996, expiration date of Western Resources' exchange offer to KCPL shareowners.

The exchange offer has been extended to 5 p.m. EST on December 6, 1996.

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