

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14D-1

(Amendment No. 36)

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. 36 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 11. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

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

(a) (98) Text of a letter sent to a KCPL shareholder on or about September 30, 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.

WESTERN RESOURCES, INC.

Date September 30, 1996

By /s/ JERRY D. COURINGTON  
Jerry D. Courington,  
Controller

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Exhibit No.	Description	Sequentially Numbered Pages
(a) (98)	Text of a letter sent to a KCPL shareholder on or about September 30, 1996.	1

The following letter was sent to a KCPL shareholder on or about September 30, 1996:

September 26, 1996

[KCPL SHAREHOLDER]

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

I deeply appreciate your support for Western Resources' offer to merge with KCPL by voting against the UtiliCorp proposal. There is another step we will be asking you to take now to make the merger a reality, and that is to tender your shares before October 25. We will be sending information to KCPL shareowners to help with that process.

I also appreciate your interest in serving on our Board of Directors. Our nominating committee, which is made up of several outside directors, seeks out highly qualified candidates from a variety of professions and backgrounds to fill the occasional vacancy. We place a great deal of value on experience, skill and dedication. While we do not foresee any vacancies in the near future, we are always interested in knowing who might be available.

Again, I want to thank you for your support and hope you will contact us should you have any questions about the merger process.

Sincerely,

/s/ John E. Hayes

This letter 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.