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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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The following news release / employee update was issued on August 6, 1996:

WESTERN RESOURCES PLEASED WITH  
RESCHEDULED KCPL SHAREOWNER MEETING

SAYS TWO DELAYS ARE TWO TOO MANY

TOPEKA, Kansas, August 6, 1996 -- Western Resources officials today said  
they were pleased with Kansas City Power & Light Company's (KCPL) announcement  
that it has promptly rescheduled its shareowner meeting for August 16.

"We have contended that the recent Missouri court decisions, which could  
jeopardize a UtiliCorp/KCPL transaction from being completed, needed to be  
fully disclosed to KCPL shareowners, but without unnecessary delay in the  
rescheduling of the shareowner meeting and vote," said John E. Hayes, Jr.,  
Western Resources chairman of the board and chief executive officer. "Two  
delays are two too many."

Hayes reiterated that it is important for KCPL shareowners to vote  
AGAINST the proposed UtiliCorp/KCPL merger on the GOLD proxy card. Hayes said

a vote AGAINST by KCPL shareowners will signify to KCPL management that shareowners are interested in both the short- and long-term benefits the Western Resources/KCPL merger creates.

"The key issue facing the individual shareowner is still value. Our \$31 merger offer,\* which we firmly believe is a better value, is also a better business combination for all concerned. Shareowners must still vote AGAINST the UtiliCorp proposal to preserve their ability to accept Western Resources' offer," said Hayes.

"While KCPL management has refused repeatedly to meet with us, it is clear to us that shareowners are understanding our message of value and our history of delivering on our projections and promises.

"We look forward to the voting process concluding on August 16 and are confident that KCPL shareowners will recognize the value the vast majority of the financial community has associated with our offer," said Hayes.

Western Resources (NYSE:WR) is a diversified energy company. 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 subsidiaries, Westar Energy, Westar Security, Westar Capital, and The Wing Group, 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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\*Dividend per KCPL share is based upon Western Resources' projected post-merger 1998 annual dividend rate of \$2.14 per share of Western Resources common stock and the exchange ratio in Western Resources' offer. Price per KCPL share (payable in Western Resources common stock) assumes that Western Resources' average share price is between \$28.18 and \$33.23 at the time of closing.