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(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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The following news release / employee update was issued on August 5, 1996:

KCPL DENIED APPEAL,
AGAIN POSTPONES SHAREOWNER VOTE

SHAREOWNERS URGED TO VOTE
AGAINST UTILICORP/KCPL PROPOSAL

TOPEKA, Kansas, August 5, 1996 -- Western Resources officials this
afternoon responded to Kansas City Power & Light Company's (KCPL) latest
announcement that it is postponing its August 7 special meeting for
shareowners.

This is the second time KCPL has delayed a scheduled shareowner vote
regarding its UtiliCorp/KCPL merger proposal. The first delay occurred on May
20.

"It's important that KCPL shareowners be advised of the impact of these
recent court decisions, which could affect the completion of a UtiliCorp/KCPL
transaction," said John E. Hayes, Jr., Western Resources chairman of the board

and chief executive officer.

"At the same time, we would hope that the voting process would move forward as promptly as possible. We believe shareowners are ready for their votes to be tabulated and announced," he said.

In a related announcement, Western Resources said Senior U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning denied a request by KCPL for permission for an immediate appeal of the court's Friday order requiring a two-thirds affirmative vote of all outstanding shares for its proposed merger with UtiliCorp.

KCPL had speculated in a public statement on Friday it expected an expedited review of the court order from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in St. Louis.

Western Resources said that this morning's court decision is yet another obstacle for KCPL in its attempt to merge with UtiliCorp. "Once again, KCPL has experienced a major setback in its merger attempt with UtiliCorp," said Hayes.

On July 26, Western Resources reached a settlement agreement with the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) staff in its rate case. The agreement supported Western Resources' projected earnings calculations for a Western Resources/KCPL merged company and required no change in Western Resources' post-merger forecast of earnings and dividends as detailed in its exchange material. KCPL had said the uncertainty of the rate case had influenced its decision to rebuff the Western Resources offer.

Another defeat for KCPL occurred July 31 when Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS), one of the most widely followed independent organizations specializing in proxy analysis, recommended to its clients a vote AGAINST the proposed UtiliCorp/KCPL merger.

Western Resources continued to encourage KCPL shareowners to vote AGAINST the UtiliCorp/KCPL proposal on the GOLD proxy cards.

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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