

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Western Resources, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock \$5.00 Par Value Per Share
(Title of Class of Securities)

959425109

(CUSIP Number)

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February 1, 2002

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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CUSIP No. 959425109

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Gabelli Funds, LLC I.D. NO. 13-4044523

2
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
(a)
(b)

3
SEC USE ONLY

4
SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
00-Funds of investment advisory clients

5
CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2 (d) OR 2 (e)

6
CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
New York

NUMBER OF

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED

BY EACH

REPORTING

PERSON

WITH

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SOLE VOTING POWER

620,000 (Item 5)

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SHARED VOTING POWER

NONE

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SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

620,000 (Item 5)

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SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE

11

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

620,000 (ITEM 5)

12

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

13

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.88%

14

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

IA
CUSIP No. 959425109

1

NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

GAMCO Investors, Inc. I.D. NO. 13-4044521

2

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)
(b)

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SEC USE ONLY

4

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

5
CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2 (d) OR 2 (e)

6
CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
New York

NUMBER OF

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED

BY EACH

REPORTING

PERSON

WITH

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SOLE VOTING POWER

2,781,800 (Item 5)

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SHARED VOTING POWER

NONE

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SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,892,800 (Item 5)

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SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE

11

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,892,800 (Item 5)

12

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

13

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

4.13%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

IA, CO

CUSIP No. 969133107

1

NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Gabelli Associates Limited I.D. NO. Foreign Corporation

2

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)

(b)

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SEC USE ONLY

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SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

WC

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CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED

PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2 (d) OR 2 (e)

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

British Virgin Islands

NUMBER OF

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED

BY EACH

REPORTING

PERSON

WITH

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SOLE VOTING POWER

7,300 (Item 5)

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SHARED VOTING POWER

NONE

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SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7,300 (Item 5)

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SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE
11

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

7,300 (ITEM 5)
12

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
13

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.01%
14

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
CO

CUSIP No. 969133107

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Gabelli Associates Fund I.D. NO. 13-3246203

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CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)
(b)

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SEC USE ONLY

4
SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
WC

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CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2 (d) OR 2 (e)

6
CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
New York

NUMBER OF

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED

BY EACH

REPORTING

PERSON

WITH

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SOLE VOTING POWER

2,800 (Item 5)

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SHARED VOTING POWER

NONE

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SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,800 (Item 5)

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SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE

11

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,800 (ITEM 5)

12

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

13

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.00%

14

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

PN

CUSIP No. 959425109

1
NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Gabelli Securities, Inc. I.D. NO. 13-3379374

2
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)
(b)

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SEC USE ONLY

4
SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

00-Client funds

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CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2 (d) OR 2 (e)

6
CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED

BY EACH

REPORTING

PERSON

WITH

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SOLE VOTING POWER

3,000 (Item 5)

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SHARED VOTING POWER

NONE

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SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

3,000 (Item 5)

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SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE

11

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

3,000 (ITEM 5)

12

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

13

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.00%

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TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

HC, CO

CUSIP No. 959425109

1

NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

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CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

- (a)
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SEC USE ONLY

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SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

WC

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CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2 (d) OR 2 (e)

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED

BY EACH

REPORTING

PERSON

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SOLE VOTING POWER

5,000 (Item 5)

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SHARED VOTING POWER

NONE

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SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

5,000 (Item 5)

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SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE

11

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

5,000 (ITEM 5)

12

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

13

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.01%

14

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

PN

CUSIP No. 959425109

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Gabelli & Company, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan I.D. NO. 13-3798449

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CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)

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SEC USE ONLY

4

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

WC

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CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED

PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2 (d) OR 2 (e)

6

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

New York

NUMBER OF

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED

BY EACH

REPORTING

PERSON

WITH

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SOLE VOTING POWER

2,000 (Item 5)

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SHARED VOTING POWER

NONE

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SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,000 (Item 5)

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SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE
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AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,000 (ITEM 5)
12

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
13

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
0.00%
14

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
EP
CUSIP No. 959425109

1
NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Gabelli Group Capital Partners, Inc. I.D. NO. 13-3056041

2
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
(a)
(b)

3
SEC USE ONLY

4
Source of funds (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
None

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CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2 (d) OR 2 (e)

6
CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
New York

NUMBER OF

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED

BY EACH

REPORTING

PERSON

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SOLE VOTING POWER

None (Item 5)

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SHARED VOTING POWER

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SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

None (Item 5)

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SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE
11

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

None
12

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
13

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.00%
14

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
HC, CO

CUSIP No. 959425109

1
NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Gabelli Asset Management Inc. I.D. NO. 13-4007862

2
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
(a)
(b)

3
SEC USE ONLY

4
Source of funds (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
None

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CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2 (d) OR 2 (e)

6
CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
New York

NUMBER OF

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED

BY EACH

REPORTING

PERSON

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SOLE VOTING POWER

7,700 (Item 5)

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SHARED VOTING POWER

NONE

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SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7,700 (Item 5)

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SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE

11

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

7,700

12

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

13

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.01%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
HC, CO

CUSIP No. 959425109

1
NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Marc J. Gabelli

2
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a)
(b)

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SEC USE ONLY

4
Source of funds (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
None

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CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2 (d) OR 2 (e)

6
CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
USA

NUMBER OF
SHARES

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED

BY EACH

REPORTING

PERSON

WITH

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SOLE VOTING POWER

None

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SHARED VOTING POWER

NONE

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SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE

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SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE
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AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

NONE
12

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

13

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

None
14

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
IN

CUSIP No. 959425109

1
NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Mario J. Gabelli

2
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
(a)
(b)

3
SEC USE ONLY

4
Source of funds (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
None

5
CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2 (d) OR 2 (e)

6
CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
USA

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED
BY EACH
REPORTING
PERSON

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SOLE VOTING POWER

None

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SHARED VOTING POWER

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SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE

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SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

NONE
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AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

NONE
12

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

13

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.00%
14

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
IN

Item 1. Security and Issuer
The class of equity securities to which this statement on Schedule 13D relates is the Common Stock, par value \$5.00 per share ("Securities"), of Western Resources, Inc. (the "Issuer"), a Kansas corporation with principal offices located at 818 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66612.

Item 2. Identity and Background
This statement is being filed by Mario J. Gabelli ("Mario Gabelli"), Marc J. Gabelli ("Marc Gabelli") and various entities which either one directly or indirectly controls or for which either one acts as chief investment officer. Many of these entities engage in various aspects of the securities business, including as investment adviser to various institutional and individual clients, including registered investment companies and pension plans, and as general partner of various private investment partnerships. Certain of these entities may also make investments for their own accounts.

The foregoing persons in the aggregate often own beneficially more than 5% of a class of a particular issuer. Although several of the foregoing persons are treated as institutional investors for purposes of reporting their beneficial ownership on the short-form Schedule 13G, the holdings of those who do not qualify as institutional investors may exceed the 1% threshold presented for filing on Schedule 13G or implementation of their investment philosophy may from time to time require action which could be viewed as not completely passive. In order to avoid any question as to whether their beneficial ownership is being reported on the proper form and in order to provide greater investment flexibility and administrative uniformity, these persons have decided to file their beneficial ownership reports on the more detailed Schedule 13D form rather than on the short-form Schedule 13G and thereby to provide more expansive disclosure than may be necessary.

(a), (b) and (c) - This statement is being filed by one or more of the following persons: Gabelli Group Capital Partners, Inc. ("Gabelli Partners"), Gabelli Asset Management Inc. ("GAMI"), Gabelli Funds, LLC ("Gabelli Funds"), GAMCO Investors, Inc. ("GAMCO"), Gabelli Securities, Inc. ("GSI"), Gabelli & Company, Inc. ("Gabelli & Company"), Gabelli Performance Partnership L.P. ("GPP"), GLI, Inc. ("GLI"), Gabelli Associates Fund ("Gabelli Associates"), Gabelli Associates Limited ("GAL"), Gabelli & Company, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan (the "Plan"), Gabelli International Limited ("GIL"), Gabelli International II Limited ("GIL II"), ALCE Partners, L.P. ("ALCE"), Gabelli Multimedia Partners, L.P. ("Multimedia Partners"), MJG Associates, Inc. ("MJG Associates"), Gemini Capital Management, LLC. ("Gemini"), Gabelli Fund, LDC ("LDC"), Gabelli Foundation, Inc. ("Foundation"), Gabelli Advisers, Inc. ("Gabelli Advisers"), Gabelli Global Partners Master Fund, Ltd. ("GGP"), Gabelli European Partners Master Fund, Ltd. ("GEP"), Mario Gabelli, Marc Gabelli, Lynch Corporation ("Lynch"), Spinnaker Industries, Incorporated ("Spinnaker"), Western New Mexico Telephone Company ("Western New Mexico"), Entoleter, Inc. ("Entoleter"), Lynch Telecommunications Corporation ("Lynch Telecom"), Lynch Telephone Corporation ("Lynch Telephone"), Lynch Interactive Corporation ("Interactive"), Brighton Communications Corporation ("Brighton") and Inter-Community Telephone Company ("Inter-Community"). Those of the foregoing persons signing this Schedule 13D are hereafter referred to as the "Reporting Persons".

Gabelli Partners makes investments for its own account and is the parent company of GAMI. Mario Gabelli is the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer and majority shareholder of Gabelli Partners. GAMI, a public company listed on the New York Stock Exchange, is the parent company of a variety of companies engaged in the securities business, including those named below.

GAMCO, a wholly-owned subsidiary of GAMI, is an investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended ("Advisers Act"). GAMCO is an investment manager providing discretionary managed account services for employee benefit plans, private investors, endowments, foundations and others.

GSI, a majority owned subsidiary of GAMI, acts as a general partner or investment manager to limited partnerships and offshore investment companies and as a part of its business regularly purchases and sells securities for its own account. It is the immediate parent of Gabelli & Company.

Gabelli & Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of GSI, is a broker-dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("1934 Act"), which as a part of its business regularly purchases and sells securities for its own account.

GLI, a wholly-owned subsidiary of GSI, is a corporation which currently has no active operations.

Gabelli Associates is a limited partnership whose primary business purpose is risk arbitrage investments. GSI and Mario Gabelli are the general partners of Gabelli Associates.

GAL is a corporation whose primary business purpose is risk arbitrage investments. Shares of GAL's common stock are offered to persons who are neither citizens nor residents of the United States and may be offered to a limited number of U.S. investors. GSI is the investment manager of GAL.

Gabelli Funds, a wholly owned subsidiary of GAMI, is a limited liability company. Gabelli Funds is an investment adviser registered under the Advisers Act which presently provides discretionary managed account services for the following registered investment companies: The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc., The Gabelli Asset Fund, The Gabelli Growth Fund, The Gabelli Convertible Securities Fund, Inc., The Gabelli Value Fund Inc., The Gabelli Small Cap Growth Fund, The Gabelli Equity Income Fund, The Gabelli ABC Fund, The Gabelli Global Telecommunications Fund, Gabelli Gold Fund, Inc., The Gabelli Global Multimedia Trust Inc., The Gabelli Global Convertible Securities Fund, Gabelli Capital Asset Fund, Gabelli International Growth Fund, Inc., The Gabelli Global Growth Fund, The Gabelli Utility Trust, The Gabelli Global Opportunity Fund, The Gabelli Utilities Fund and The Gabelli Blue Chip Value Fund (collectively, the "Funds").

Gabelli Advisers, a subsidiary of GAMI, is an investment adviser which provides discretionary advisory services to The Gabelli Westwood Mighty Mite Fund

The Plan, a qualified employee profit sharing plan, covers substantially all employees of GAMI and its affiliates.

GPP is a limited partnership whose primary business purpose is investing in securities. MJG Associates provides services to GPP, and Mario Gabelli is the general partner and a portfolio manager for GPP.

GIL is a corporation whose primary business purpose is investing in a portfolio of equity securities and securities convertible into, or exchangeable for, equity securities in order to achieve its investment objective of significant long-term growth of capital. Shares of GIL's common stock are offered to persons who are neither citizens nor residents of the United States and may be offered to a limited number of U.S. investors. MJG Associates is the investment manager of GIL. Mario Gabelli is a portfolio manager for GIL and Chairman of the Board of Directors of GIL.

GIL II is a corporation whose business purpose is investing primarily in a portfolio of equity securities and securities convertible into,

or exchangeable for, equity securities in order to achieve its investment objective of significant long-term growth of capital. Shares of GIL II's common stock are offered to persons who are neither citizens nor residents of the United States and may be offered to a limited number of U.S. investors. MJG Associates is the investment manager of GIL II. Mario Gabelli is a portfolio manager and Chairman of the Board of Directors of GIL II.

ALCE is an investment limited partnership that seeks long-term capital appreciation primarily through investments in public and private equity securities. GSI is a general partner of ALCE.

Multimedia Partners is an investment limited partnership whose objective is to provide long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in public and private multimedia communications companies. GSI is a general partner of Multimedia Partners.

GGP is a corporation whose primary business purpose is investing in securities on a global basis. Gabelli Securities International Limited and Gemini are the investment advisors of GGP and Marc Gabelli is the portfolio manager for GGP.

GEP is a corporation whose primary business purpose is investing in securities of European Companies. Gabelli Securities International Limited is the investment advisor of GEP and Marc Gabelli is a portfolio manager for GEP.

LDC is a corporation whose business purpose is investing primarily in a portfolio of equity securities convertible into, or exchangeable for, equity securities in order to achieve its investment objective of significant long-term growth of capital. Interests are offered to insurance companies which do not conduct any business in the United States and which are licensed where they do business. MJG Associates is the investment manager of LDC. Mario Gabelli is a portfolio manager for LDC.

MJG Associates provides advisory services to private investment partnerships and offshore funds. Mario Gabelli is the sole shareholder, director and employee of MJG Associates.

Gemini is a limited liability company whose primary business purpose is to provide advisory services to offshore funds. Marc Gabelli is the President, Chief Investment Officer and majority shareholder of Gemini. The Foundation is a private foundation. Mario Gabelli is the President, a Trustee and the investment manager of the Foundation.

Lynch is a public company traded on the American Stock Exchange engaged in manufacturing. Spinnaker, a subsidiary of Lynch, is also a public company and its stock is traded through the NASDAQ National Market. Spinnaker is a manufacturing firm with major subsidiaries in specialty adhesive-backed materials business. Interactive, a public company listed on the American Stock Exchange, is a holding company whose principal subsidiary is Brighton. Brighton is a holding company with subsidiaries in multimedia and services businesses. Western New Mexico, a subsidiary of Brighton, provides local telephone services in an area in Southwestern New Mexico. Inter-Community, which is also a subsidiary of Brighton, provides local telephone services in an area 40 miles west of Fargo, North Dakota. Lynch and Interactive actively pursue new business ventures and acquisitions. Mario J. Gabelli is a director, Chairman of the Board and a substantial shareholder of Lynch and Interactive.

The Reporting Persons do not admit that they constitute a group.

Gabelli Partners, GAMI, GAMCO, Gabelli & Company and GLI are New York corporations and GSI and Gabelli Advisers are Delaware corporations, each having its principal business office at One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580. Gabelli Funds is a New York limited liability company having its principal business office at One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580. GPP is a New York limited partnership having its principal business office at 401 Theodore Fremd Ave., Rye, New York 10580. MJG Associates is a Connecticut corporation having its principal business office at 401 Theodore Fremd Ave., Rye, New York 10580. Gabelli Associates is a New York limited partnership having its principal business office at One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580. ALCE and Multimedia Partners are Delaware limited partnerships each having its principal business office at One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580. GAL and GIL are corporations organized under the laws of the British Virgin Islands having their principal business office at c/o Fortis Fund Services (Cayman) Limited, Grand Pavilion, Commercial Centre, 802 West Bay Road, Grand Cayman, British West Indies. GIL II is a corporation organized under the laws of the British Virgin Islands having their principal business office at c/o Coutts & Company (Cayman) Limited, West Bay Road, Grand Cayman, British West Indies. Gemini is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business at 401 Theodore Fremd Ave, Rye, New York 10580. LDC is a corporation organized under the laws of the British Virgin Islands having its principal business office at c/o Tremont (Bermuda) Limited, Tremont House, 4 Park Road, Hamilton HM II, Bermuda. The Foundation is a private foundation having its principal offices at 165 West Liberty Street, Reno, Nevada 89501. Lynch is an Indiana corporation having its principal business office 401 Theodore Fremd Ave., Rye, New York 10580. Spinnaker is a Delaware corporation having its principal business office at 251 Welton Street, Hamden, CT 06511. Interactive and Brighton are Delaware corporations each having its principal place of business at 401 Theodore Fremd Ave., Rye, New York 10580.

For information required by instruction C to Schedule 13D with respect to the executive officers and directors of the foregoing entities and other related persons (collectively, "Covered Persons"), reference is made to

Schedule I annexed hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

(f) - Reference is made to Schedule I hereto.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

The Reporting Persons used an aggregate of approximately \$69,909,662 to purchase the Securities reported as beneficially owned in Item 5. GAMCO and Gabelli Funds used approximately \$58,723,840 and \$10,711,000, respectively, of funds that were provided through the accounts of certain of their investment advisory clients (and, in the case of some of such accounts at GAMCO, may be through borrowings from client margin accounts) in order to purchase the Securities for such clients. GAL and ALCE used approximately \$94,170, and \$108,050, respectively, of working capital to purchase the Securities reported by them. Gabelli Associates used approximately \$51,100 of the investing funds of the partnership to purchase the Securities reported by it. The Plan used approximately \$34,490 of the funds from the Plan's assets to purchase the Securities reported by it. GAMI used approximately \$134,422 of working capital to purchase the Securities reported by it. GSI used approximately \$52,590 of client funds to purchase the Securities reported by it.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

Each of the Reporting Persons has purchased and holds the Securities reported by it for investment for one or more accounts over which it has shared, sole, or both investment and/or voting power, for its own account, or both.

The Reporting Persons, with the exceptions of Lynch and its affiliates, are engaged in the business of securities analysis and investment and pursue an investment philosophy of identifying undervalued situations. In pursuing this investment philosophy, the Reporting Persons analyze the operations, capital structure and markets of companies in which they invest, including the Issuer, on a continuous basis through analysis of documentation and discussions with knowledgeable industry and market observers and with representatives of such companies (often at the invitation of management). The Reporting Persons do not believe they possess material inside information concerning the Issuer. As a result of these analytical activities one or more of the Reporting Persons may issue analysts reports, participate in interviews or hold discussions with third parties or with management in which the Reporting Person may suggest or take a position with respect to potential changes in the operations, management or capital structure of such companies as a means of enhancing shareholder values. Such suggestions or positions may relate to one or more of the transactions specified in clauses (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D including, without limitation, such matters as disposing of one or more businesses, selling the company or acquiring another company or business, changing operating or marketing strategies, adopting or not adopting, certain types of anti-takeover measures and restructuring the company's capitalization or dividend policy.

Each of the Reporting Persons intends to adhere to the foregoing investment philosophy with respect to the Issuer. However, none of the Reporting Persons intends to seek control of the Issuer or participate in the management of the Issuer, and any Reporting Person that is registered as an investment company under the 1940 Act will participate in such a transaction only following receipt of an exemption from the SEC under Rule 17d-1 under the 1940 Act, if required, and in accordance with other applicable law. In pursuing this investment philosophy, each Reporting Person will continuously assess the Issuer's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects, general economic conditions, the securities markets in general and those for the Issuer's securities in particular, other developments and other investment opportunities, as well as the investment objectives and diversification requirements of its shareholders or clients and its fiduciary duties to such shareholders or clients. Depending on such assessments, one or more of the Reporting Persons may acquire additional Securities or may determine to sell or otherwise dispose of all or some of its holdings of Securities. Although the Reporting Persons share the same basic investment philosophy and although most portfolio decisions are made by or under the supervision of Mario Gabelli, the investment objectives and diversification requirements of various clients differ from those of other clients so that one or more Reporting Persons may be acquiring Securities while others are disposing of Securities.

With respect to voting of the Securities, the Reporting Persons have adopted general voting policies relating to voting on specified issues affecting corporate governance and shareholder values. Under these policies, the Reporting Persons generally vote all securities over which they have voting power in favor of cumulative voting, financially reasonable golden parachutes, one share one vote, management cash incentives and pre-emptive rights and against greenmail, poison pills, supermajority voting, blank check preferred stock and super-dilutive stock options. Exceptions may be made when management otherwise demonstrates superior sensitivity to the needs of shareholders. In the event that the aggregate voting position of all joint filers shall exceed 25% of the total voting position of the issuer then the proxy voting committees

of each of the Funds shall vote their Fund's shares independently.

Each of the Covered Persons who is not a Reporting Person has purchased the Securities reported herein as beneficially owned by him for investment for his own account or that of one or more members of his immediate family. Each such person may acquire additional Securities or dispose of some or all of the Securities reported herein with respect to him.

Other than as described above, none of the Reporting Persons and none of the Covered Persons who is not a Reporting Person has any present plans or proposals which relate to or would result in any transaction, change or event specified in clauses (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

Item 5. Interest In Securities Of The Issuer

(a) The aggregate number of Securities to which this Schedule 13D relates is 3,540,600 shares, representing 5.04% of the 70,092,983 shares outstanding as reported in the Issuer's most recent Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2001. The Reporting Persons beneficially own those Securities as follows:

Name

Shares of
Common Stock
% of Class of
Common
Gabelli Funds

620,000

0.88%

GAMCO

2,892,800

4.13%

GAL

7,300

0.01%

GAF

2,800

0.00%

GSI

3,000

0.00%

The Plan

2,000

0.00%

GAMI

ALCE

7,700

5,000

0.01%

0.01%

Mario Gabelli

0

0.00%

Marc Gabelli

0

0.00%

Mario Gabelli is deemed to have beneficial ownership of the Securities owned beneficially by each of the foregoing persons other than Marc Gabelli and Gemini. Marc Gabelli is deemed to have beneficial ownership of the Securities owned by Gemini. GSI is deemed to have beneficial ownership of the Securities beneficially owned by ALCE, GMP, GAL, Gabelli Associates and Gabelli & Company. MJG Associates is deemed to have beneficial ownership of the

Securities beneficially owned by GPP, GIL, GIL II and LDC. GAMI and Gabelli Partners are deemed to have beneficial ownership of the Securities owned beneficially by each of the foregoing persons other than Mario Gabelli, Marc Gabelli, Gemini and the Foundation.

(b) Each of the Reporting Persons and Covered Persons has the sole power to vote or direct the vote and sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of the Securities reported for it, either for its own benefit or for the benefit of its investment clients or its partners, as the case may be, except that (i) GAMCO does not have the authority to vote 111,000 of the reported shares, (ii) Gabelli Funds has sole dispositive and voting power with respect to the shares of the Issuer held by the Funds so long as the aggregate voting interest of all joint filers does not exceed 25% of their total voting interest in the Issuer and, in that event, the Proxy Voting Committee of each Fund shall respectively vote that Fund's shares, (iii) at any time, the Proxy Voting Committee of each such Fund may take and exercise in its sole discretion the entire voting power with respect to the shares held by such fund under special circumstances such as regulatory considerations, and (iv) the power of Mario Gabelli, Marc Gabelli, GAMI, and Gabelli Partners is indirect with respect to Securities beneficially owned directly by other Reporting Persons.

(c) Information with respect to all transactions in the Securities which were effected during the past sixty days or since the most recent filing on Schedule 13D, whichever is less, by each of the Reporting Persons and Covered Persons is set forth on Schedule II annexed hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

(d) The investment advisory clients of Gabelli Funds, Gabelli Advisers, GAMCO, MJG Associates and Gemini, the partners of the various partnerships managed by Mario Gabelli and GSI (including GPP, Gabelli Associates, ALCE, and Multimedia Partners to the extent of their economic interest there-in) and the shareholders of GIL, GIL II, and LDC which Mario Gabelli manages and GAL which is managed by GSI have the sole right to receive and, subject to the notice, withdrawal and/or termination provisions of such advisory contracts and partnership arrangements, the sole power to direct the receipt of dividends from, and the proceeds of sale of, any of the Securities beneficially owned by such Reporting Persons. Except as noted, no such client or partner has an interest by virtue of such relationship that relates to more than 5% of the Securities.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect

to Securities of the Issuer

The powers of disposition and voting of Gabelli Funds, Gabelli Advisers, GAMCO, MJG Associates and Gemini with respect to Securities owned beneficially by them on behalf of their investment advisory clients, of Mario Gabelli and GSI with respect to Securities owned beneficially by them on behalf of the partnerships which they directly or indirectly manage, and of GIL, GIL II, GAL, LDC, GGP and GEP with respect to Securities owned beneficially by them on behalf of their shareholders, are held pursuant to written agreements with such clients, partnerships and funds.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as an Exhibit

The following Exhibit A is attached hereto. The following Exhibit B is incorporated by reference to Exhibit B in the Amendment No. 18 to Schedule 13D of the Reporting Persons with respect to Hector Communications Corporation.

Exhibit A:

Joint Filing Agreement

Exhibit B:

Powers of Attorney to Stephen G. Bondi, Peter D. Goldstein, and James E. McKee from Robert E. Dolan

Powers of Attorney to Stephen G. Bondi, Peter D. Goldstein, and James E. McKee from Robert E. Dolan.

Powers of Attorney to Stephen G. Bondi, Peter D. Goldstein, and James E. McKee from Mario J. Gabelli.

Powers of Attorney to Stephen G. Bondi, Peter D. Goldstein, and James E. McKee from Marc J. Gabelli.

Signature

After reasonable 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.

Dated: February 11, 2002

MARIO J. GABELLI
MARC J. GABELLI
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ALCE PARTNERS, L.P.

By:/s/ James E. McKee
James E. McKee
Attorney-in-Fact

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GABELLI GROUP CAPITAL PARTNERS, INC.
GABELLI ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.
GABELLI SECURITIES, INC.

By:/s/ James E. McKee
James E. McKee
Secretary

GABELLI ASSOCIATES FUND
GABELLI ASSOCIATES LIMITED

By:/s/ James E. McKee
James E. McKee
Secretary of Gabelli Securities, Inc.

GAMCO INVESTORS, INC.

By:/s/ Douglas R. Jamieson
Douglas R. Jamieson
Executive Vice President

GABELLI & COMPANY
PROFIT SHARING PLAN

By:/s/ Douglas R. Jamieson
Douglas R. Jamieson
Trustee

Schedule I

Information with Respect to Executive
Officers and Directors of the Undersigned

Schedule I to Schedule 13D is amended, in pertinent part, as follows:

The following sets forth as to each of the executive officers and directors of the undersigned: his name; his business address; his present principal occupation or employment and the name, principal business and address of any corporation or other organization in which such employment is conducted. Unless otherwise specified, the principal employer of each such individual is Gabelli Group Capital Partners, Inc., Gabelli Asset Management Inc., Gabelli Funds, LLC, Gabelli & Company, Inc., or GAMCO Investors, Inc., the business address of each of which is One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580, and each such individual identified below is a citizen of the United States. To the knowledge of the undersigned, during the last five years, no such person has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors), and no such person was a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which he was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities law or finding any violation with respect to such laws except as reported in Item 2(d) of this Schedule 13D.

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(2) Citizen of the Cayman Islands

(3) Citizen of Bermuda

- (4) Citizen of Bermuda and Canada
- (5) Citizen of the UK
- (6) Citizen of Switzerland
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SCHEDULE II

INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO
 TRANSACTIONS EFFECTED DURING THE PAST SIXTY DAYS OR
 SINCE THE MOST RECENT FILING ON SCHEDULE 13D (1)

DATE	SHARES PURCHASED SOLD(-)	AVERAGE PRICE(2)
COMMON STOCK-WESTERN RESOURCES		
GAMCO INVESTORS, INC.		
2/08/02	200	16.3800
2/05/02	1,000	16.5700
2/04/02	2,000	16.8400
2/01/02	5,000	16.7366
1/31/02	24,800	16.6206
1/31/02	4,000	16.9688
1/29/02	1,500	16.8000
1/29/02	3,000	16.8500
1/29/02	9,240	16.6552
1/28/02	3,000	16.9500
1/25/02	1,500	16.8800
1/25/02	10,000	16.8895
1/24/02	1,000	17.0000
1/24/02	3,500	16.9800
1/24/02	5,000	17.0500
1/22/02	250-	*DO
1/18/02	10,000	17.2497
1/18/02	1,100	17.2500
1/18/02	5,000	17.1400
1/18/02	5,000-	17.1400
1/18/02	5,000	17.1400
1/18/02	500	17.1700
1/17/02	1,500	17.5000
1/17/02	70,900	17.3589
1/17/02	2,000	17.3935
1/17/02	1,000-	17.4189
1/17/02	1,000	17.4189
1/16/02	3,500	17.3500
1/16/02	1,000	17.2400
1/16/02	5,000	17.2000
1/16/02	2,000	17.3970
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1/16/02	23,000	17.3904
1/16/02	8,000	17.2455
1/16/02	9,000	17.4000
1/15/02	1,000-	17.1500
1/15/02	1,000	17.0000
1/14/02	700	16.9843
1/11/02	5,500	16.9900
1/11/02	5,000	17.0300
1/10/02	500	17.1800
1/10/02	2,600	17.0415
1/10/02	500	17.0000
1/09/02	2,000	17.1350
1/09/02	1,000	17.1300
1/08/02	500-	17.1600
1/08/02	6,600	17.1318
1/07/02	10,500	17.5200
1/07/02	10,000	17.5135
1/07/02	3,000	17.6500
1/04/02	500	17.4000
1/03/02	2,000	17.8000
1/02/02	1,000-	17.4600
12/31/01	1,000-	17.1300
12/28/01	16,000-	17.1280
12/28/01	500	17.1500

12/28/01	2,000-	17.1280
12/28/01	1,000-	17.1280
12/28/01	500-	17.1280
12/27/01	250-	*DO
12/27/01	20,500	17.2142
12/26/01	2,000	17.1900
12/26/01	2,000-	17.2400
12/26/01	2,500	17.1876
12/26/01	2,000	17.1900
12/26/01	4,500-	17.1900
12/24/01	15,000	17.1967
12/24/01	10,500	17.1981
12/24/01	30,000	17.1700
12/24/01	1,000-	17.1600
12/21/01	6,000-	17.0525
12/20/01	200	17.2000
12/19/01	5,500-	17.1200
12/19/01	200	17.1100
12/18/01	7,000	16.8966
12/17/01	6,000-	16.9400
12/14/01	1,000	17.0800
12/12/01	500	16.9700
12/11/01	2,500-	17.0060
GABELLI ASSOCIATES LTD		
12/28/01	3,200-	17.2075
12/27/01	2,000-	17.2300
12/26/01	1,500-	17.2000
GABELLI ASSOCIATES FUND		
12/24/01	6,200-	17.1966
12/20/01	5,000-	17.2068
GABELLI FUNDS, LLC.		
GABELLI EQUITY TRUST		
12/26/01	15,000	17.1633
12/24/01	108,100	17.1983
GABELLI EQUITY INCOME FUND		
1/07/02	15,000	17.5572

(1) UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, ALL TRANSACTIONS WERE EFFECTED ON THE NYSE.

(2) PRICE EXCLUDES COMMISSION.

(*) RESULTS IN CHANGE OF DISPOSITIVE POWER AND BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP.

Exhibit A

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(f) under the securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned hereby agree to the joint filing with all other Reporting Entities (as such term is defined in the Schedule 13D referred to below) on behalf of each of them of a statement on Schedule 13D (including amendments thereto) with respect to the Common Stock, par value of \$5.00 per share, of Western Resources, Inc. and that this Agreement be included as an Exhibit to such joint filing. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned hereby execute this agreement this 11th of February, 2002.

MARIO J. GABELLI
MARC J. GABELLI
GABELLI PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP L.P.
GABELLI INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
GABELLI INTERNATIONAL II LIMITED
GABELLI FUND, LDC
GABELLI FOUNDATION, INC.
GEMINI CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC

By:/s/ James E. McKee

James E. McKee
Attorney-in-Fact

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GABELLI ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.
GABELLI FUNDS, LLC
GABELLI SECURITIES, INC.
GLI, INC.
GABELLI & COMPANY, INC.

By: /s/ James E.

McKee _____
James E. McKee
Secretary

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GABELLI EUROPEAN PARTNERS MASTER FUND, LTD.
GABELLI GLOBAL PARTNERS MASTER FUND, LTD.
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