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Form 8-K  
February 27, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): February 27, 2002  
(February 18, 2002)

WESTERN RESOURCES, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

|   |                             |                                  |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| KANSAS  | 1-3523                      | 48-0290150                       |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of<br>Incorporation or Organization) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (Employer<br>Identification No.) |

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| 818 KANSAS AVENUE, TOPEKA, KANSAS        | 66612      |
| (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | (Zip Code) |

(785)-575-6300  
(Registrant's Telephone Number Including Area Code)

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Item 5. Other Events

On February 18, 2002, we issued a press release announcing financial results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, and the amount of a charge to be recorded in the first quarter of 2002 as a result of the adoption of new accounting standards related to accounting for goodwill and intangible assets. A copy of the press release is attached to this report.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 - Press release issued February 18, 2002.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the

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undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Western Resources, Inc.

Date February 27, 2002  
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By /s/ Paul R. Geist  
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Paul R. Geist, Senior Vice  
President and Chief Financial  
Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number

Description of Exhibit

99.1

Press release issued February 18, 2002