

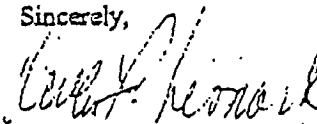
May 15, 2001

David C. Wittig
Chairman of the Board, President
and Chief Executive Officer
Western Resources, Inc.
818 Kansas Avenue
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear David:

Per our discussion of this morning, I hereby resign from the Board of Directors of Western Resources, Inc. I wish the Board and Western Resources the very best in the future.

Sincerely,



Owen F. Leonard

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