## FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

					or Se	ction 3	O(h) of the Ir	nvestme	nt Coi	npany Act o	of 194	40							
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Lennen C. Michael						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [ WR ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
Lennen G. Michael														ector	10% (				
							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)								cer (give title ow)	below	(specify )		
(Last) (First) (Middle)						01/01/2011									VP, Regula	atory Affairs			
818 SW KANSAS AVENUE																			
(Street)				4. If A	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
TOPEKA	KS KS	5	66612											X Form filed by One Reporting Person					
(City)	(St	ate) (	Zip)			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person										orting			
		Tabl	e I - Noi	n-Deriv	ative S	Secur	ities Acq	uired,	Dis	posed o	f, or	r Ben	eficia	ılly Owı	ied				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da			Exec ay/Year) if any		eemed ution Date, th/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				d 5) Seco Ben	nount of irities eficially ed Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership				
								Code	v	Amount	() ()	(A) or (D)	Price	Tran	saction(s) r. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)			
Common Stock, par value \$5.00 01/01/2					/2011			F <sup>(1)</sup>		1,551		D	\$25.2	275	.6,948 <sup>(2)</sup>	D			
		Та					es Acqui arrants,	-					-	/ Owne	d				
Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date, Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			Transaction of Code (Instr. Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially	Ownership Form:	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership					

## **Explanation of Responses:**

Price of Derivative

Security

1. Forfeiture of 1,551shares for the payment of taxes upon the vesting and distribution of 2,500 restricted share units and 1,875 performance-based restricted share units granted on 2/24/10. The grant of the share units was reported at the time of grant.

Date

Exercisable

2. Includes 72 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends and 6,250 restricted share units and performance-based restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

(A) (D)

Acquired (A) or Disposed

of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code

## Remarks:

C. Michael Lennen 01/04/2011

Following Reported

Beneficially Owned

Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Security (Instr. 3 and 4)

> Amount or Number

Shares

Derivative

Title

Expiration

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

if any (Month/Day/Year)

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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