

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>RUELLE MARK A</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [ WR ]</b>		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>EVP, CFO</b>	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>02/24/2010</b>		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
<b>818 SW KANSAS AVENUE</b>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
(Street)	<b>TOPEKA</b>	<b>KS</b>	<b>66612</b>			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)				

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	02/24/2010		A <sup>(1)</sup>		14,500	A	\$0	45,542 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	02/24/2010		A <sup>(3)</sup>		14,500	A	\$0	60,042 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	02/24/2010		A <sup>(5)</sup>		14,500	A	\$0	74,542 <sup>(6)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	02/24/2010		A <sup>(7)</sup>		10,875	A	\$0	85,417 <sup>(8)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	02/24/2010		A <sup>(9)</sup>		7,250	A	\$0	92,667 <sup>(10)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00								41,491	I	Living trust of spouse

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Grant of restricted share units that will vest on 12/31/2010 if the reporting person remains employed with the issuer through the vesting date. Restricted share units are subject to forfeiture under certain conditions.
- Includes 14,500 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.
- Grant of restricted share units that will vest on 12/31/2011 if the reporting person remains employed with the issuer through the vesting date. Restricted share units are subject to forfeiture under certain conditions.
- Includes 29,000 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.
- Grant of restricted share units that will vest on 12/31/2012 if the reporting person remains employed with the issuer through the vesting date. Restricted share units are subject to forfeiture under certain conditions.
- Includes 43,500 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.
- Grant of performance-based restricted share units that will vest on 12/31/2010 if the reporting person remains employed with the issuer through the vesting date. Restricted share units are subject to forfeiture under certain conditions. Additional shares may be earned based on performance determined at a specified time.
- Includes 54,375 restricted share units and performance-based restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.
- Grant of performance-based restricted share units that will vest on 12/31/2011 if the reporting person remains employed with the issuer through the vesting date. Restricted share units are subject to forfeiture under certain conditions. Additional shares may be earned based on performance determined at a specified time.
- Includes 61,625 restricted share units and performance-based restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

**Remarks:**

Mark A. Ruelle 02/26/2010  
\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* 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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