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## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [ WR ]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
MOORE WILLIAM B				X	Director	10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 818 SW KANSAS AVENUE		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	- x	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)				
		(inidate)	02/24/2010		President and CEO					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indi Line)	ividual or Joint/Group Fili	ing (Check Applicable				
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#### 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. Transa Code ( 8)					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	02/24/2010		<b>A</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		32,800	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	209,571 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	02/24/2010		A <sup>(3)</sup>		32,800	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	242,371(4)	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	02/24/2010		A <sup>(5)</sup>		32,800	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	275,171(6)	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	02/24/2010		<b>A</b> <sup>(7)</sup>		24,600	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	299,771 <sup>(8)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	02/24/2010		A <sup>(9)</sup>		16,400	Α	\$ <mark>0</mark>	316,171 <sup>(10)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00								82,325	I	By trust <sup>(11)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$5.00								1,248	Ι	By trust <sup>(12)</sup>

# 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. Transa Code ( 8)		5. Number of Expiration Date Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		ate	Amount of Securities		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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. 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.

2. Includes 70,600 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

3. 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.

4. Includes 103,400 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

5. 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.

6. Includes 136,200 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

7. 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.

8. Includes 160,800 restricted share units and performance-based restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

9. 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.

10. Includes 177,200 restricted share units and performance-based restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

11. Shares are held in a trust, of which the reporting person is both a co-trustee and beneficiary of the trust.

12. Shares are held in a trust, of which the reporting person is a co-trustee.

Remarks:

Cynthia S. Couch by power of

attorney

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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