

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>CARTER MOLLIE H</u> |               |           | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [ WR ]</u> |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br>Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |  |  |
| (Last)   | (First)       | (Middle)  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>10/02/2017</u>              |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |
| <u>818 S. KANSAS AVE.</u>  |               |           | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                           |  |  |   |  |  |
| (Street)   | <u>TOPEKA</u> | <u>KS</u> | <u>66612</u>   |  |  |   |  |  |
| (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  |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |       | 39,157 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |   |

**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) |       |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| Stock Units                                | \$0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                     | 10/02/2017                           |  | A <sup>(3)</sup>               |   | 465  |     | (3)  | (3)             | Common Stock  | 465  | \$0  | 40,518 <sup>(4)</sup>                                     | D  |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Includes 313 deferred share units acquired through the reinvestment of dividend equivalents.
- Units convert into common stock on a one for one basis.
- Share units received as a partial payment of retainer fees that have been deferred pursuant to a non-employee deferred compensation plan.
- Includes 320 deferred share units acquired through the reinvestment of dividend equivalents.

**Remarks:**

Cynthia S. Couch by power of attorney 10/03/2017

\*\* 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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