

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 11-K

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Plan Year Ended December 31, 1998

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Transition Period from ____ to _____

Commission file number 1-3523

A. Full title of the Plan:

WESTAR SECURITY SERVICES, INC.
401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

B. Name of issuer of the securities held
pursuant to the plan and the address
of its principal executive office:

WESTERN RESOURCES, INC.
818 Kansas Avenue
Topeka, Kansas 66612

EIN: 48-1123483
PN: 001

WESTAR SECURITY SERVICES, INC.

401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1998 AND 1997

TOGETHER WITH REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Report of Independent Public Accountants

To the Investment and Benefits Committee of
Westar Security Services, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan:

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of WESTAR SECURITY SERVICES, INC. 401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997. These financial statements and the schedules referred to below are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedules based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedules of assets held for investment purposes as of December 31, 1998, and reportable transactions for the year then ended are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Arthur Andersen

Kansas City, Missouri,
June 25, 1999

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WESTAR SECURITY SERVICES, INC.

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STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

DECEMBER 31, 1998 AND 1997

ASSETS	1998	1997
INVESTMENTS:		
Investment Vanguard Contract Fund	\$ 4,991	\$ 4,548
Vanguard Windsor Fund	114,278	78,445
Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund	19,777	6,886
Western Resources, Inc. Common Stock Fund	97,675	78,263
Loan Fund	16,962	-
Vanguard Wellington Fund	31,325	30,999
Vanguard 500 Index Fund	49,921	40,462
Vanguard PRIMECAP Fund	105,159	61,319
Fidelity Magellan Fund	97,381	34,235
Vanguard International Growth Fund	20,968	12,764
Vanguard-Total Bond Market Index Fund	3,217	2,513
Total Investments	561,654	350,434
DIVIDENDS RECEIVABLE	1,564	954
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$563,218	\$351,388

The accompanying notes to financial statements
are an integral part of these statements.

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998 AND 1997

	1998	1997
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, beginning of period	\$351,388	\$166,560
ADDITIONS:		
INVESTMENT INCOME-		
Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments	1,834	48,214
Interest	1,811	580
Dividends	26,540	24,659
Total Investment Income	30,185	73,453
PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS	37,108	82,331
Total Additions	67,293	155,784
DEDUCTIONS:		
Benefits Paid	(9,381)	(3,337)
Total Deductions	(9,381)	(3,337)
TRANSFERS FROM OTHER PLANS	153,918	32,381
NET INCREASE	211,830	184,828
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, end of period	\$563,218	\$351,388

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are an integral part of these statements.

WESTAR SECURITY SERVICES, INC.

401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1998 AND 1997

(1) PLAN DESCRIPTION:

The following brief description of the Westar Security Services, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the plan document for more complete information.

(a) General--In 1995, Western Resources, Inc. (WRI) acquired two security service providers, Mobilfone Security of Topeka and Communications & Signaling, Inc. (CSI), which together formed the WRI subsidiary, Westar Security Services, Inc. (the Company). This defined contribution plan was established for employees of the Company effective February 1, 1996.

All employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after ninety days of service. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

(b) Contributions--Participants are allowed to make elective deferral contributions of between 1 percent and 14 percent of taxable wages subject to certain Internal Revenue Code limits. These contributions effectively reduce a participant's taxable wages because they are withheld from earnings on a pre-tax basis. An employee may transfer a qualifying rollover distribution to the trustee under the Plan subject to terms and conditions of the Plan.

The Company may make qualified nonelective employer contributions or regular employer contributions at its discretion. In order to share in either employer contribution, the eligible employee must be an employee of the Company on the last day of the plan year and must have completed 1,000 hours of service during the plan year.

Participants are fully vested in elective deferral contributions, qualified nonelective employer contributions, and amounts representing qualifying rollover distributions. Participants vest in regular employer contributions on a five-year graded schedule. Upon retirement, death, disability or termination of employment, all vested balances are paid to the participant or his beneficiaries in accordance with plan terms.

(c) Investment Funds--Participants may elect to have their contributions and the Company's qualified nonelective contributions invested in the funds listed below, excluding the Loan Fund.

The Vanguard Investment Contract Trust seeks to preserve the value of an investment and provide an attractive level of interest by investing in investment contracts issued by financial institutions and in contracts backed by high-quality bonds and bond mutual funds.

The Vanguard Windsor Fund is a diversified equity fund invested in equity securities providing dividend and capital appreciation income. The Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund is a money market fund invested in high-quality money market obligations issued by financial institutions, nonfinancial corporations, U.S. and other governmental agencies, and repurchase agreements collateralized by such securities.

The Western Resources, Inc. Common Stock Fund provides the possibility of long-term growth through increases in the value of the stock and the reinvestment of its dividends. A portion of the fund may also be invested in cash reserves, such as money market instruments, to accommodate daily transactions.

The Loan Fund is a conduit for the distribution and repayment of loan proceeds. The investments in the fund represent loans due from participants.

The Vanguard Wellington Fund is a balanced fund which invests in stocks for potential capital growth and dividend income and in bonds for current income potential and conservation of principal.

The Vanguard 500 Index Fund is a growth and income fund which seeks to provide long-term capital growth. The Vanguard 500 Index Fund attempts

to provide investment results that correspond to the price and yield performance of publicly traded stocks, in the aggregate, as represented by the Standard & Poor's Composite Stock Price Index.

The Vanguard PRIMECAP Fund is a growth fund seeking long-term growth of capital by investing principally in a portfolio of common stocks.

The Fidelity Magellan Fund is a diversified equity fund invested in equity securities providing long-term capital appreciation.

Vanguard International Growth Fund invests in the stocks of about 200 companies located in 30 countries around the world.

Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund invests in about 1,500 bonds from a variety of industries in an attempt to match the performance and risk characteristics of the unmanaged Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index. The investments range from short-term bonds that mature in a year to long-term bonds that mature in 20 or 30 years, giving the Fund an average maturity of nine years.

The above funds are managed by Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company (Vanguard) except the Fidelity Magellan Fund which is managed by Fidelity Investments' Institutional Services Company. All investments are stated at quoted market values, except as follows. Investments in Vanguard Investment Contract Trust and Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund are stated at cost which approximates market value as determined by Vanguard. Investments in the Loan Fund are stated at face value.

(d) Loans to Participants--In accordance with plan provisions, participants are permitted to borrow a specified portion of the vested balances in their individual accounts. Loans are evidenced by promissory notes payable to the Plan.

(e) Income Taxes--The Plan obtained a determination letter on March 27, 1998, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The plan administrator believes the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and, therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in these financial statements.

(f) Plan Termination--The Company is free to terminate the Plan at any time.

(2) SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

(a) Basis of Accounting--The Plan's financial statements are maintained on the accrual basis. Employee contributions are accrued as the employees' salaries are earned.

(b) Use of Estimates--The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(c) Participant Accounts--A separate account is maintained for each participant. Allocations to participant accounts for employee contributions are made when the contributions are received by the trustee. Allocations to participant accounts for the net of interest dividends, realized and unrealized changes in investment market value and plan expenses are made when such amounts are earned or incurred.

Forfeitures arise when participants leave the Plan before any discretionary regular employer contributions become fully vested. Forfeitures are reallocated to the accounts of all participants entitled to share in the employer contribution.

(d) Administrative Expenses--All administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company with the exception of loan administrative charges which will be paid by the participants. The Company has no continuing obligation to pay these expenses.

(3) ASSET TRANSFERS:

The accounts of participants who change employment status and new employees with assets in previous employers' qualified plans are transferred into the Plan in accordance with plan provisions.

(4) SECURITY ALARM MONITORING ACQUISITION:

As a result of the acquisition of Protection One, certain security service

employees were transferred to Protection One. At March 31, 1997, those employees' contributions ceased although account balances continue to be maintained in the Westar Security Services, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan. These employees became participants in the Westar Security Services 401(k) Plan at April 1, 1997. On July 1, 1998, the Westar Security Services 401(k) Plan was merged into Protection One 401(k) Plan (formerly Protection One Employees Savings Plan). In April, 1999 the account balances for these employees totaling \$284,289 were transferred to the Protection One 401(k) Plan.

(5) FUND INFORMATION:

The following tables present changes in net assets available for benefits in fund detail:

(4) Fund Information (continued):

	Year Ended December 31, 1998				
	Investment Contract	Windsor	Prime Money Market	Company Common Stock	Loans
ADDITIONS					
Investment income:					
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ -	\$ (13,030)	\$ -	\$ (23,295)	\$ -
Interest	289	-	720	51	751
Dividends	-	9,710	-	3,225	-
	289	(3,320)	720	(20,019)	751
Participant contributions	154	8,587	-	4,778	-
Total additions	443	5,267	720	(15,241)	751
DEDUCTIONS					
Benefits paid	-	(842)	(236)	(3,452)	-
Total deductions	-	(842)	(236)	(3,452)	-
Net increase (decrease) prior to transfers	443	4,425	484	(18,693)	751
TRANSFERS					
Interfund transfers	-	(5,918)	12,407	23,233	(3,513)
Transfers-Other plans	-	37,326	-	14,872	19,724
Total transfers	-	31,408	12,407	38,105	16,211
Net increase	443	35,833	12,891	19,412	16,962
Net assets available for benefits:					
Beginning of period	4,548	78,445	6,886	78,263	-
End of period	\$ 4,991	\$ 114,278	\$ 19,777	\$ 97,675	\$ 16,962

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(4) Fund Information (continued):

	Year Ended December 31, 1998			
	Wellington	500 Index	PRIMECAP	Magellan
ADDITIONS				
Investment income:				
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ (59)	\$ 10,020	\$ 13,676	\$ 12,300
Interest	-	-	-	-
Dividends	3,491	763	3,822	3,372
	3,432	10,783	17,498	15,672
Participant contributions	689	1,255	12,038	3,514
Total additions	4,121	12,038	29,536	19,186
DEDUCTIONS				
Benefits paid	(1,979)	(831)	(1,941)	(100)
Total deductions	(1,979)	(831)	(1,941)	(100)
Net increase (decrease) prior to transfers	2,142	11,207	27,595	19,086
TRANSFERS				
Interfund transfers	(1,816)	(1,748)	(23,197)	1,506
Transfers-Other plans	-	-	39,442	42,554
Total transfers	(1,816)	(1,748)	16,245	44,060
Net increase	326	9,459	43,840	63,146
Net assets available for benefits:				
Beginning of period	30,999	40,462	61,319	34,235
End of period	\$ 31,325	\$ 49,921	\$ 105,159	\$ 97,381

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(4) Fund Information (continued):

	International Growth	Year Ended December 31, 1998 Total Bond Market Index	Other	Total
Investment income:				
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ 2,176	\$ 46	\$ -	\$ 1,834
Interest	-	-	-	1,811
Dividends	414	179	1,564	26,540
	2,590	225	1,564	30,185
Participant contributions	5,614	479	-	37,108
Total additions	8,204	704	-	67,293
DEDUCTIONS				
Benefits paid	-	-	-	(9,381)
Total deductions	-	-	-	(9,381)
Net increase (decrease) prior to transfers	8,204	704	1,564	57,912
TRANSFERS				
Interfund transfers	-	-	(954)	-
Transfers-Other plans	-	-	-	153,918
Total transfers	-	-	(954)	153,918
Net increase	8,204	704	610	211,830
Net assets available for benefits:				
Beginning of period	12,764	2,513	954	351,388
End of period	\$ 20,968	\$ 3,217	\$ 1,564	\$ 563,218

(4) Fund Information (continued):

	Year Ended December 31, 1997				
	Investment Contract	Windsor	Prime Money Market	Company Common Stock	Loans
ADDITIONS					
Investment income:					
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ -	\$ 202	\$ -	\$ 21,806	\$ -
Interest	244	-	323	5	8
Dividends	-	12,445	-	2,722	-
	244	12,647	323	24,533	8
Participant contributions	1,927	12,388	4,259	12,019	-
Total additions	2,171	25,035	4,582	36,552	8
DEDUCTIONS					
Benefits paid	-	(281)	-	(1,251)	(400)
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total deductions	-	(281)	-	(1,251)	(400)
Net increase (decrease) prior to transfers	2,171	24,754	4,582	35,301	(392)
TRANSFERS					
Interfund Transfers	(91)	8,094	76	(11,236)	(92)
Transfers-Other plans	1,925	6,372	1,925	3,239	-
Total transfers	1,834	14,466	2,001	(7,997)	(92)
Net increase	4,005	39,220	6,583	27,304	(484)
Net assets available for benefits:					
Beginning of period	543	39,225	303	50,959	484
End of period	\$ 4,548	\$ 78,445	\$ 6,886	\$ 78,263	\$ -

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(4) Fund Information (continued):

	Wellington	Year Ended December 31, 1997 500 Index	PRIMECAP	Magellan
ADDITIONS				
Investment income:				
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ 2,594	\$ 8,724	\$ 10,474	\$ 4,706
Interest	-	-	-	-
Dividends	2,769	817	2,081	2,190
	5,363	9,541	12,555	6,896
Participant contributions	6,336	11,375	17,626	7,233
Total additions	11,699	20,916	30,181	14,129
DEDUCTIONS				
Benefits paid	(482)	(235)	(80)	(424)
Other	-	-	-	-
Total deductions	(482)	(235)	(80)	(424)
Net increase (decrease) prior to transfers	11,217	20,681	30,101	13,705
TRANSFERS				
Interfund transfers	2,681	(838)	2,325	200
Transfers-Other plans	1,925	-	11,083	-
Total transfers	4,606	(838)	13,408	200
Net increase	15,823	19,843	43,509	13,905
Net assets available for benefits:				
Beginning of period	15,176	20,619	17,810	20,330
End of period	\$ 30,999	\$ 40,462	\$ 61,319	\$ 34,235

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(4) Fund Information:

	International Growth	Year Ended Total Bond Market Index	December 31, 1997 Other	Total
Investment income:				
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ (368)	\$ 76	\$ -	\$ 48,214
Interest	-	-	-	580
Dividends	544	137	954	24,659
	176	213	954	73,453
Participant contributions	6,676	2,492	-	82,331
Total additions	6,852	2,705	954	155,784
DEDUCTIONS				
Benefits paid	-	(184)	-	(3,337)
Other	-	-	-	-
Total deductions	-	(184)	-	(3,337)
Net increase (decrease) prior to transfers	6,852	2,521	954	152,447
TRANSFERS				
Interfund transfers	-	(8)	(1,111)	-
Transfers-Other plans	5,912	-	-	32,381
Total transfers	5,912	(8)	(1,111)	32,381
Net increase	12,764	2,513	(157)	184,828
Net assets available for benefits:				
Beginning of period	-	-	1,111	166,560
End of period	\$ 12,764	\$ 2,513	\$ 954	\$ 351,388

WESTAR SECURITY SERVICES, INC.

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LINE 27a - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES

DECEMBER 31, 1998

Description	Number of Units	Cost	Current Value
Vanguard Windsor Fund	7,339.6051	\$125,105	\$ 114,278
Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund	19,777.2400	19,777	19,777
Vanguard Wellington Fund	1,067.2988	28,781	31,325
Vanguard 500 Index Fund	438.0989	33,249	49,921
Vanguard PRIMECAP Fund	2,206.4474	88,808	105,159
Fidelity Magellan Fund	806.0001	80,330	97,381
Vanguard International Growth Fund	1,117.1064	19,146	20,968
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	313.2373	3,059	3,217
Vanguard Investment Contract Trust	4,990.5200	4,864	4,991
*Western Resources, Inc. Common Stock Fund	2,937.6003	104,566	97,675
* Participant Loan, at interest rate of 7.5%		16,962	16,962
Total investments		\$524,647	\$561,654

*Investment with party-in-interest to the Plan.

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LINE 27d - SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

Investment	Type of Transaction	Number	Dollar Value	Net Gain (Loss)
Series of Transactions in Excess of 5%			(1)	
Fidelity Magellan Fund	Purchases	45	\$20,836	\$ -
	Sales	4	11,347	(582)
Vanguard PRIMECAP Fund	Purchases	45	27,897	-
	Sales	6	37,299	5,022
Vanguard Windsor Fund	Purchases	40	22,410	-
	Sales	6	9,808	(302)
Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund	Purchases	44	75,590	-
	Sales	29	62,676	-
Vanguard 500 Index Fund	Purchases	42	16,814	-
	Sales	5	17,537	4,104
Western Resources, Inc. Stock Fund	Purchases	35	61,626	-
	Sales	8	30,880	3,709
Single Transactions in Excess of 5%				
Fidelity Magellan Fund	Purchase	1	41,178	-
Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund	Purchase	1	24,262	-
	Sale	1	19,135	-

(1) Amount shown in this column is cost of purchases or proceeds from sales.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment and Benefits Committee for the Westar Security Services, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WESTAR SECURITY SERVICES, INC.
401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN

By:

Signature	Title	Date
/s/William B. Moore	Chairman	June 29, 1999
/s/Ira W. McKee, Jr.	Member	June 29, 1999
/s/Carl M. Koupal, Jr.	Member	June 29, 1999
/s/Richard D. Terrill	Member	June 29, 1999

EXHIBIT INDEX

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23	Consent of Independent Public Accountants (filed electronically)	

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

As independent public accountants, we hereby consent to the incorporation by reference of our report dated June 25, 1999, included in the Form 11-K for the Westar Security Services, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan, into the Western Resources, Inc. previously filed Registration Statements File Nos. 333-59673, 33-49467, 33-49553, 333-02023, 33-50069, 33-62375, and 333-26115 of Western Resources, Inc. on Form S-3; Nos. 333-02711 and 333-56369 of Western Resources, Inc. on Form S-4; Nos. 333-70891, 33-57435, 333-13229, 333-06887, 333-20393, 333-20413 and 333-75395 of Western Resources, Inc. on Form S-8; and No. 33-50075 of Kansas Gas and Electric Company on Form S-3.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

Kansas City, Missouri,
June 25, 1999