FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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		Table I New D	erivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Benj	- finish o Oromand
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(Street) TOPEKA	KS	66612	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person
818 S. KANS	SAS AVE.	, ,	01/03/2012	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2012	Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)
	dress of Reporting	Person*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [ WR ]	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner
Instruction 1	(D).		or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 193	34

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.		4. Securities Disposed Of	Acquired	(A) or	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)		(111341.4)	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	01/03/2012		A <sup>(1)</sup>		2,000	A	\$0	27,025 <sup>(2)</sup>	D		

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

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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)	Code (	Transaction of Code (Instr. Derivative		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/\	7. Title Amour Securi Underl Deriva Securi and 4)	nt of ties ying tive ty (Instr. 3	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. Stock award received as a partial payment of retainer fees.
- 2. Includes 918 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.

#### Remarks:

Cynthia S. Couch by power of 01/04/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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