
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

August 14, 2002

WESTAR ENERGY, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

KANSAS

(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

1-3523

(Commission File Number)

48-0290150

(Employer Identification No.)

**818 SOUTH KANSAS AVENUE,
TOPEKA, KANSAS**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

66612
(Zip Code)

(785)-575-6300

(Registrant's Telephone Number Including Area Code)

Item 5. Other Events

This report contains as exhibits statements under oath of David C. Wittig, our principal executive officer, and Paul R. Geist, our principal financial officer, in the form required by the SEC's Order No. 4-460 issued on June 27, 2002. This order requires the principal executive officers and the principal financial officers of identified publicly traded companies with revenues of at least \$1.2 billion to file statements under oath regarding the accuracy of certain reports filed with the SEC. We are not included in the list of companies accompanying the SEC order, although we have revenues greater than \$1.2 billion, and such officers have voluntarily provided these statements to us for filing.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1—Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer dated August 14, 2002.

Exhibit 99.2—Statement Under Oath of Principal Financial Officer dated August 14, 2002

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

WESTAR ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ PAUL R. GEIST

**Paul R. Geist, Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer**

Date August 14, 2002

EXHIBIT INDEX

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**Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer
Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings**

I, David C. Wittig, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Westar Energy, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
 - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
 - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
 - Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 of Westar Energy, Inc.;
 - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Westar Energy, Inc. filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
 - any amendments to any of the foregoing.

/s/ David C. Wittig

David C. Wittig
Chairman of the Board, President and
Chief Executive Officer
August 14, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 14th day of August, 2002.

/s/ Nancy A. Fienhage

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 3/23/04

**Statement Under Oath of Principal Financial Officer
Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings**

I, Paul R. Geist, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Westar Energy, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
 - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
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 - any amendments to any of the foregoing.

/s/ Paul R. Geist

Paul R. Geist
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and
Treasurer
August 14, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 14th day of August, 2002.

/s/ Patti Beasley

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: November 18, 2004