FORM 4

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>EDWARDS ROY A</u> | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR] | | | | | | | | | | heck a | onship all appli Directo | , | | | |
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| (Last) 818 S. K | (F ANSAS AV | * | (Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/04/2016 | | | | | | | | | | | Officer below) | r (give title) | | Other (: below) | specify |
| (Street) TOPEK | | | 66612 (Zip) | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Lir | ne) | Form | al or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | ar) i | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Code (Ins | | | n Disposed C | | rities Acquired (A ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, | | and Securit | | es ially Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amoun | (A) or (D) | | Price | ⊤ | ransac Instr. 3 | tion(s) | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00 | | | 01/04 | 4/2016 | | | | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,99 | 94 | A | \$0 | | 54,060 ⁽²⁾ | | | D | | |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3,372 | | 372 ⁽³⁾ | | | Held by spouse | |
| | | Т | able II - I | | | | | | | | | sed of | | | | y Ow | ned | | | · | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day/ | Date, | | ransaction Code (Instr. | | of | | Date Exe piration I onth/Day | Date | | Amou Secur Under Deriva | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securii (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | Owner Form: Direct or Indi (I) (Ins | Ownership | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Dat Exe | te ercisable | | piration ite | Title | O N O | umber | | | | | | |
| Stock Units | \$0 ⁽⁴⁾ | 01/04/2016 | | | A ⁽⁵⁾ | | 751 | | | (5) | | (5) | Comn | | 751 | \$ | 0 | 44,628 ^{(€} | 5) | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Deferred share units received as partial payment of retainer fees.
- 2. Includes 429 shares and deferred share units acquired through the reinvestment of dividends and dividend equivalents.
- 3. Includes 28 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.
- 4. Units convert into common stock on a one for one basis.
- 5. Share units received as a partial payment of retainer and meeting fees that have been deferred pursuant to a non-employee director deferred compensation plan.
- 6. Includes 365 deferred share units acquired through the reinvestment of dividend equivalents.

Remarks:

Cynthia S. Couch by power of <u>attorney</u>

01/06/2016

** 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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