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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT NO. 333-175293  
POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT NO. 333-151104  
POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT NO. 333-70891

**UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**WESTAR ENERGY, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Kansas**  
(State of incorporation)

**48-0290150**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**818 South Kansas Avenue  
Topeka, Kansas 66612  
(785) 575-6300**

(Address, including zip code and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

**WESTAR ENERGY, INC. LONG TERM INCENTIVE AND SHARE AWARD PLAN (AS AMENDED AND RESTATED JANUARY 1, 2011)  
WESTAR ENERGY, INC. EMPLOYEES' 401(k) SAVINGS PLAN  
WESTERN RESOURCES, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN**  
(Full title of the plans)

**Heather A. Humphrey  
Senior Vice President—General Counsel and Corporate Secretary  
1200 Main Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64105  
(816) 556-2200**

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated Filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated Filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>		

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of Securities Act.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**  
**DEREGISTRATION OF SECURITIES**

These Post-Effective Amendments relate to the following Registration Statements on Form S-8 (collectively, the “Registration Statements”), filed by Westar Energy, Inc. (“Westar” or the “Registrant”):

- File No. 333-175293, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on July 1, 2011, pertaining to the registration of shares of common stock, par value of \$5.00, of the Registrant, issuable under the Westar Energy, Inc. Long Term Incentive and Share Award Plan;
- File No. 333-151104, which was filed with the SEC on May 22, 2008, pertaining to the registration of shares of common stock, par value of \$5.00, of the Registrant, issuable under the Westar Energy, Inc. Employees’ 401(k) Savings Plan; and
- File No. 333-70891, which was filed with the SEC on January 21, 1999, pertaining to the registration of shares of common stock, par value of \$5.00, of the Registrant, issuable under the Western Resources, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

Pursuant to an Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 9, 2017 by and among Westar, Great Plains Energy Incorporated, Evergy, Inc. (formerly known as Monarch Energy Holding, Inc.) (“Evergy”) and King Energy, Inc. (“King Energy”), on June 4, 2018, King Energy merged with and into Westar, with Westar continuing as the surviving corporation and as a wholly owned subsidiary of Evergy (the “Merger”). As a result of the Merger, the Registrant is terminating all offerings of securities pursuant to the Registration Statements. Accordingly, in accordance with an undertaking made by the Registrant in each Registration Statement, the Registrant is filing these Post-Effective Amendments to remove from registration all registered but unsold securities under the Registration Statements and to terminate the effectiveness of the Registration Statements.

