FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SOMMA ANTHONY D   |  |      |           |                                      |                |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [ WR ] |   |   |                                      |                     |   |           |   | heck all ap<br>Dire   | ector   | 10  | 6 Owner                                |  |
|--|--|------|-----------|--------------------------------------|----------------|--|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---|-----------|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>818 S KANSAS AVE                |  |      |           |                                      |                | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2014                  |  |   |   |                                      |                     |   |           |   | ^ belo  | cer (give title<br>ow)<br>SVP, CFO                        | be  | er (specify<br>ow)<br>er               |  |
| (Street) TOPEKA KS 66612 (City) (State) (Zip)              |  |      |           |                                      | 4. If          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                     |  |   |   |                                      |                     |   |           | 6.<br>Lir   | ne)<br>X For<br>For   | ′   |   |  |  |
|  |  | Tabl | e I - Nor | n-Deriv                              | ative          | Se   | curitie  | es Ac   | quired,   | Dis                                  | posed o             | f, or I   | 3ene      | ficia   | lly Own   | ed  |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da |  |      |           |                                      | Day/Year) Exec |  | Execution  | A. Deemed<br>xecution Date,<br>any<br>Month/Day/Year) |   | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) |                     | ties Acquired (A)<br>d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4  |           |   | d Secu<br>Bene<br>Own   | ficially<br>ed Following                                  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |
|  |  |      |           |                                      |                |  |  |   |   | v                                    | Amount              | (A<br>(D  | ) or<br>) | Price   |   | saction(s)<br>. 3 and 4)                                  |   | (Instr. 4)                             |  |
| Common Stock Par Value \$5.00 08/01/3                      |  |      |           |                                      |                |  | 2014   |   | F <sup>(1)</sup>  |                                      | 867 D               |   | D         | \$36.   | 37 3  | 7,678 <sup>(2)</sup>                                      | D   |  |  |
|  |  | Та   |           |                                      |                |  |  |   |   |                                      | sed of,<br>onvertib |   |           |   | Owned   | I   |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)        | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security  3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year)  33. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Year) |      | Date,     | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr. 8) |                | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |  | Expiratio<br>(Month/D                                 | 5. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Date Date |                                      |                     | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4)  Amoun<br>or<br>Numbe<br>of<br>Title Shares |           | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownersi<br>Form:<br>Direct (D<br>or Indire<br>(I) (Instr. | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>ct (Instr. 4)                          |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Forfeiture of 867 shares for the payment of taxes upon the vesting of 2,721 restricted share units granted on 8/1/11. The grant of the restricted share units was reported at the time of grant.
- $2. \ Includes \ 26,855 \ restricted$  share units that are subject to forfeiture.

## Remarks:

Anthony D. Somma

08/04/2014

\*\* 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).
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