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## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1	dress of Reporting OOD GREG	•	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [ WR ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner
(Last) 818 S KANS	st) (First) (Middle) 8 S KANSAS AVE		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2012	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP, Strategy
(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 Form filed by More than One Reporting
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		Person

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code ( 8)			4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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)		(1150. 4)
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	03/23/2012		<b>G</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	v	200	D	\$ <mark>0</mark>	<b>31,111</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	08/01/2012		F <sup>(3)</sup>		487	D	\$30.755	30,625 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00								1,153	I	401(k) plan account

## 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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		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. Gift of 200 shares to educational institution.

2. Includes 20,439 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

3. Forfeiture of 487 shares for the payment of taxes upon the vesting and distribution of 1,547 restricted share units granted on 8/1/11. The grant of the restricted share units was reported at the time of grant.

4. Includes 18,892 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture and 1 share acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.

**Remarks:** 

Greg A. Greenwood

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

08/02/2012

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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