FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
GREENWOOD GREG A	WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR]	

(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	
818 S KANSAS AVE	08/01/2012	

	Director	10% Owner
X	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)
	SVP, Strategy	

(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
TOPEKA KS 66612		X Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		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)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock, Par Value $5.00	03/23/2012		G[1]	V	200	D	$0	31,111[2]	D	
Common Stock, Par Value $5.00	08/01/2012		F[3]		487	D	$30.755	30,625[4]	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)

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	08/02/2012
** Signature of Reporting Person	Date