FORM 4

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## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  CARTER MOLLIE H					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [ WR ]										5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
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(Last) 818 S. K	(Last) (First) (Middle) 818 S. KANSAS AVE.					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2009											Office below	r (give title )	give title Other (specify below)		specify
(Street)					4.1	f Ame	ndmen	t, Date	of Or	riginal F	iled	(Month/E	Day/Ye	ar)		Individ	dual or	Joint/Group	p Filin	ıg (Check Ap	oplicable
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		Tab	le I - Non	-Deriv	ative	Sec	curitie	es Ac	qui	red, I	Disp	osed	of, o	r Ber	neficia	lly C	wne	d			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			Date	ate   E Nonth/Day/Year)   i		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year		e,   1	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Secu Dispose 5)	4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)			4 and Securit		es ially Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
								ſ	Code	v	Amoun	t (A) or (D)		Price	Transa					(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00															15,276(1)			D			
		Т	able II - I	Derivat e.g., p												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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				Expi	ate Exer ration I nth/Day	Date	Amount of			Deriv Secu		9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactic (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Co	Code	v	(A)		Date Exer	rcisable		piration	Title	1	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Units	\$0 <sup>(2)</sup>	07/01/2009			A <sup>(3)</sup>		693			(3)		(3)	Com		693		60	12,069	4)	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Includes 242 deferred share units acquired as reinvested dividend equivalents

- 2. Units convert into common stock on a one for one basis
- 3. 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.

4. Includes 180 deferred share units acquired as reinvested dividend equivalents.

## Remarks:

Cynthia S. Couch by power of attorney

07/02/2009

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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