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* <u>GREENWOOD GREG A</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR]									ck all app Dired	olicable) ctor	g Person(s) to Is	wner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 818 S. KANSAS AVE.						3. Date of Earliest Trans 06/04/2018				saction (Month/Day/Year)				X	belov	er (give title w) SVP, S	Other (specify below)		
(Street) TOPEKA	TOPEKA KS 66612				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
Date				Date	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			ction Instr.	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a			and 5) Secur Bene		icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) o	r Pri	ce	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00 06					06/04/2018						18,405	A	;	\$0.00	5	59,706	D		
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00				06/04/2018				A ⁽²⁾		31,257	A	:	\$0.00 90,96		90,963	D			
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00 0				06/04/2018				F ⁽³⁾		24,551	D	\$5	\$55.8925		66,412	D			
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00 0				06/04/2018				D ⁽⁴⁾		66,412(5)	D	\$	\$55.08 ⁽⁶⁾		0	D			
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00 06/04/				06/04/2	2018				D ⁽⁴⁾		2,186	2,186 D		\$55.08 ⁽⁶⁾		0	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 Security 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) (Month/I							6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/\)		ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		r. 3	Price of erivative ecurity estr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerci	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Share	er					

Explanation of Responses:

- $1. \ Grant \ of \ 18,405 \ restricted \ share \ units \ on \ 6/4/18 \ that \ will \ vest \ ratably \ in \ one \ third \ increments \ on \ the \ anniversary \ of \ the \ grant \ date.$
- 2. Vesting of 31,257 performance-based restricted share units that were granted on 2/24/16, 2/26/17 and 2/21/18. Under the terms of the grants of performance-based restricted share units, the number of shares to be received at vesting is increased or decreased based on the Issuer's Total Shareholder Return as compared to the Total Shareholder Return for a defined Peer Group of companies for the defined Performance Period. Under the terms of a merger agreement between Westar Energy, Inc. and Great Plains Energy Incorporated, performance-based restricted share units vest on the merger closing date at the greater of the target award or the actual number based on the performance criteria. The determination that the performance criteria relating to the grant had been met and the calculation of the number of shares to be distributed were completed on 6/4/18.
- 3. Forfeiture of 24,551 shares for the payment of taxes upon the vesting and distribution of 55,357 time-based and performance-based restricted share units granted on 2/24/16, 2/26/17 and 2/21/18.
- 4. Shares of Westar Energy, Inc. stock and the restricted share units granted on 6/4/18 were exchanged for shares of Evergy, Inc. stock and Evergy, Inc. restricted share units pursuant to a merger agreement between Westar Energy, Inc. and Great Plains Energy Incorporated on a 1 to 1 basis.
- 5. Fractional shares from different accounts equalling approximately 2 shares were paid in cash.
- 6. Solely for purposes of this filing, the estimated market value per share of Evergy, Inc. common stock on 6/4/18 was \$55.08 per share (the closing stock price of the common stock of Westar Energy, Inc. as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on 6/1/18).

Remarks:

Cynthia S. Couch by power of ** Signature of Reporting Person

06/04/2018

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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