FORM 4

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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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. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>AKIN BRUCE A</u>					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR]									Check all D	applicable) irector	10%	10% Owner	
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Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

04/19/2005 Bruce A. Akin

** 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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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^{1. 1.56} shares were forfeited for the payment of taxes upon the vesting and distribution of 495 restricted share units previously granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's Long Term Incentive and Share Award Plan. The ownership of the restricted share units has been included in the Reporting Person's previously filed Section 16 reports.

^{2.} Includes 16,000 restricted share units subject to forfeiture.