
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) April 22, 2010 (April 20, 2010)

WESTAR ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

KANSAS
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1-3523
(Commission File Number)

48-0290150
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

818 South Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas
(Address of principal executive offices)

66612
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (785) 575-6300

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On April 20, 2010, R. A. Edwards III, a member of our board of directors, resigned from his positions as president and chief executive officer of First National Bank of Hutchinson. On the same date, he was appointed as chairman of the board of the bank. He will continue in his positions as vice president and director of the bank's parent corporation, First Kansas Bancshares, Inc.

Pursuant to our bylaws, upon the change of position described above, Mr. Edwards was automatically deemed to have resigned from our board of directors effective April 20, 2010. On April 21, 2010, our board of directors appointed Mr. Edwards to fill the vacancy caused by his deemed resignation and to serve as a director for the remainder of the term to which he was elected at our 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Westar Energy, Inc.

Date: April 22, 2010

By: /s/ Larry D. Irick
Name: Larry D. Irick
Title: Vice President, General Counsel
and Corporate Secretary