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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(Last) (First) (Middle) 818 S. KANSAS AVE.		•	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS</u> [WR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner
		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2013	Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable
(Street) TOPEKA	KS	66612		Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		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. Transa Code (8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(11311.4)
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	01/02/2013		A ⁽¹⁾		4,240	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	62,059 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00								5,767 ⁽³⁾	Ι	Held by Parental Trust

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. Transa Code (8)		of Expiration		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	ate	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. Deferred share units received as partial payment of retainer fees.

2. Includes 2,568 deferred share units acquired through the reinvestment of dividend equivalents.

3. The reporting person is a trustee of certain parental trusts, which acquired shares of the Issuer's stock in 2010.

Remarks:

<u>Cynthia S. Couch by power of</u> <u>attorney</u> <u>01/04/2013</u>

** 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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