

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) March 7, 2018

WESTAR ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

KANSAS

1-3523

48-0290150

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

818 South Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas

66612

(Address of principal executive offices)

(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

As previously disclosed, on July 9, 2017, Westar Energy, Inc. (“Westar Energy”), Great Plains Energy Incorporated (“Great Plains Energy”) and certain other parties entered into an Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger (“Merger Agreement”). On August 25, 2017, Westar Energy and Great Plains Energy filed a joint application with the Kansas Corporation Commission (“KCC”) requesting approval of the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement.

On March 7, 2018, Westar Energy, Great Plains Energy, the KCC Staff, the Citizens’ Utility Ratepayer Board, or CURB, and certain other intervenors entered into a settlement agreement (the “Settlement Agreement”) to settle certain issues related to the joint application. The Settlement Agreement is subject to review and approval by the KCC.

Once available, the Settlement Agreement can be accessed on the KCC’s website. To access the agreement, visit <http://www.kcc.state.ks.us>, click “Docket Filings,” search for docket 18-KCPE-095-MER, click on the docket that is retrieved from the search results, click on the “Documents” tab and find the relevant document. The information contained on the KCC’s website is not part of, or incorporated by reference into, this filing.

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: March 7, 2018

By: /s/ Larry D. Irick

Name: Larry D. Irick

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary