FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>RUELLE MARK A</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR]									eck all ap	pplicable) ector	10%	Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner	
(Last) 818 S. K.	(Fir	,	Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/14/2007 X Officer (give title below) Delow) EVP, CFO													
(Street) TOPEKA			6612 Zip)		4. If	Line) X Form file								m filed by One m filed by Moi	Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable filed by One Reporting Person filed by More than One Reporting on				
		Tabl	e I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	curitie	s Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or E	3ene	ficial	ly Owr	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da				Execution Date,				4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4						6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership				
							Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or F	Price	Tran	saction(s) r. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)			
Common	nmon Stock, Par Value \$5.00 01/14/2007 F ⁽¹⁾ 10,016 D \$25.885 74,934 ⁽²⁾ D							D											
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00														50,253	I	Living trust of spouse			
	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 Perivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/D	n Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of		6. Date E Expiration (Month/I	on Dat		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		tr. 3	3. 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				(D)	Date Expiration Date Title Share											

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. 10,016 shares were forfeited for the payment of taxes upon the vesting of 31,250 restricted share units. The grant of the restricted share units was reported in a Form 4 in January of 2003.
- $2. \ Includes \ 53{,}700 \ restricted$ share units that are subject to forfeiture.

Remarks:

Mark A. Ruelle <u>01/16/2007</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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