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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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		n*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
				X	Director	10% Owner			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	X	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
818 SW KANSAS AVENUE		. ,	07/01/2010		President and CEO				
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	idual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable			
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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)						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)		(1150.4)
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	03/08/2010		G ⁽¹⁾	v	20,660	D	\$ <mark>0</mark>	286,076 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	07/01/2010		F ⁽³⁾		163	D	\$21.865	285,913 ⁽⁴⁾	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	03/08/2010		G ⁽¹⁾	v	20,660	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	102,985	I	By trust ⁽⁵⁾
Common Stock, par value \$5.00								1,265(6)	Ι	By trust ⁽⁷⁾

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		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	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. Transfer of shares to trust account of which the reporting person and his spouse are co-trustees and beneficiaries.

2. Includes 147,200 restricted share units and performance-based restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

3. Forfeiture of 163 shares for the payment of taxes upon the vesting and deferral of 7,800 restricted share units granted to the reporting person on 7/2/2007. The acquisition of the restricted share units was reported at the time of grant.

4. Includes 139,400 restricted share units and performance-based restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

5. Shares are held in a trust, of which the reporting person is both a co-trustee and beneficiary of the trust.

6. Includes 17 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.

7. Shares are held in a trust, of which the reporting person is a co-trustee.

Remarks:

Cynthia S. Couch by power of attorney

07/02/2010

** 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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