

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>IRICK LARRY D</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>818 S. KANSAS AVE.</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>TOPEKA KS 66612</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [ WR ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>VP, Gen Counsel and Corp Sec</u> |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>04/01/2007</u>              |  |
|  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                           |  |

**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |          | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 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    |   |  |   |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00  | 04/01/2007                           |  | F <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 4,232   | D          | \$27.655 | 51,155  | D  |   |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00  | 04/02/2007                           |  | A <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 28,200  | A          | \$0      | 79,361 <sup>(3)</sup>   | D  |   |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00  |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |          | 964   | I  | Held by 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 Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |     | 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) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) |   |  |  |   |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Forfeiture of 4,232 shares upon the vesting of 13,193 restricted share units that were granted to the reporting person in 2006. The grant of the restricted share units was reported in a Form 4 that was filed at the time of grant.
- Issuer grant of restricted share units that will vest in one-third installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date; provided, however, that the restricted share units will vest on a pro-rated basis in the event of a qualifying termination (i.e., termination without cause by the issuer, for good reason by the reporting person, or upon the reporting person's death, retirement or disability).
- Includes 28,200 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture and 6 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.

**Remarks:**

Larry D. Irick 04/03/2007  
 \*\* 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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