FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name ar		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [ WR ]									ationship on the call application of the call applicat	,							
(Last) (First) (Middle) 818 S. KANSAS AVE.						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2009									Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	specify
(Street) TOPEKA KS 66612 (City) (State) (Zip)						f Ame /02/2		Date of	f Original F	iled	(Month/Da		6. Ind Line) X	ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
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Date							2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Dis Code (Instr. 5)		Dispose	eurities Acquired (A) sed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				rities   F ficially   ( ed Following   (		: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
						Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D) P		ice	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)			
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00															15,2	15,276 <sup>(1)</sup>		D	
		1	able II -						ired, Di						Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transa Code ( 8)		of I		6. Date Exercisabl Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			Amount of		5	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Cod	Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisable		xpiration ate	Title	Amo or Num of Shar	ber					
Stock Units	\$0 <sup>(2)</sup>	07/01/2009			A <sup>(3)</sup>		629 <sup>(4)</sup>		(3)		(3)	Common Stock	629	(4)	\$0	12,005 <sup>(4)</sup>	)(5)	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Includes 242 deferred share units acquired as reinvested dividend equivalents.
- 2. Units convert into common stock on a one for one basis.
- 3. Share units received as a partial payment of retainer and meeting fees that have been deferred pursuant to a non-employee director deferred compensation plan.
- 4. Form amended to correct an administrative error made in the number of deferred share units acquired.
- $5. \ Includes \ 180 \ deferred \ share \ units \ acquired \ as \ reinvested \ dividend \ equivalents.$

## Remarks:

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

07/06/2009

\*\* 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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