### 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

May 9, 2003 (May 8, 2003)

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

# WESTAR ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Kansas (State or other jurisdiction of 1-3523 (Commission 48-0290150 (I.R.S. Employer

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Identification No.)

incorporation or organization)

818 South Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66612
(Address of principal executive offices)
(785) 575-6300
(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)
WESTAR ENERGY, INC.
Item 5. Other Events
Frank J. Becker and Gene A. Budig have resigned from our Board of Directors. The resignations are not because of a disagreement with us on any matter relating to our operations, policies or practices. A copy of our press release is attached to this report.
Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits
(c) Exhibits
Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated May 9, 2003.
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 thereunto duly authorized.

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Westar Energy, Inc.			
Date: May 9, 2003	Ву:	/s/ Mark A. Ruelle	
		Mark A. Ruelle, Executive Vice President and	
		Chief Financial Officer	

### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Description of Exhibit

99.1 Press Release dated May 9, 2003