#### WESTAR ENERGY INC/KS

Form 4

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# FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

STERBENZ DOUGLAS R

				WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR]					(Check all applicable)		
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/28/2006					Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  EVP, Generation & Marketing			
				nendment, Date Original onth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
	ТОРЕКА, К	S 66612							Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
	Common				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
	Stock, Par Value \$5.00	08/28/2006			S	500	D	\$ 24.34	85,729 (1)	D	
	Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	08/28/2006			S	5,243	D	\$ 24.33	80,486 (2)	D	
	Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	08/28/2006			S	1,500	D	\$ 24.32	78,986 (2)	D	

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Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	08/28/2006	S	5,700	D	\$ 24.3	73,286 (2)	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	08/28/2006	S	5,100	D	\$ 24.29	68,186 <u>(2)</u>	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	08/29/2006	S	1,749	D	\$ 24.49	66,437 (2)	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00						9,631	I	Held in 401(k) Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transact	iorNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration	Title	or Number	
						Exercisable	Date		of	
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares	
				Code v	(A) $(D)$				Shares	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships								
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
STERBENZ DOUGLAS R 818 S. KANSAS AVE.			EVP, Generation & Marketing						

Reporting Owners 2 **TOPEKA, KS 66612** 

# **Signatures**

Cynthia S. Couch by power of attorney

08/30/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* 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).
- (1) Includes 31,250 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture and 48 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.
- (2) Includes 31,250 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

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