

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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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WAGES LEROY P**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
818 S. KANSAS AVE.  
  
(Street)

TOPEKA, KS 66612

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**04/01/2009**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP, Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	04/01/2009		F <sup>(1)</sup>	V 1,528 D	\$ 17.65	8,327 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	04/01/2009		G <sup>(3)</sup>	V 2,672 D	\$ 0	5,684 <sup>(4)</sup>	D
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	04/01/2009		G <sup>(3)</sup>	V 2,672 A	\$ 0	40,364 <sup>(5)</sup>	I Trust <sup>(6)</sup>

Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	647	I	401(k) Plan
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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 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)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WAGES LEROY P 818 S. KANSAS AVE. TOPEKA, KS 66612			VP, Controller	

## Signatures

Leroy P. Wages                      04/03/2009  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) Forfeiture of 1,528 shares for the payment of taxes upon the vesting of 4,200 restricted share units that were granted to Mr. Wages on 4/2/2007. The acquisition of the restricted share units was previously reported on a Form 4 that was filed at the time of grant.
- (2) Includes 4,200 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

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- (3) Shares were transferred from the reporting person to the reporting person's trust, for which he serves as a co-trustee with his spouse, and of which his spouse is a beneficiary.
- (4) Includes 4,200 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture and 29 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.
- (5) Includes 210 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.
- (6) The reporting person serves as a co-trustee with his spouse, who is also a beneficiary of the trust.

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