

WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 SW KANSAS AVENUE
 (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)
 04/01/2010

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)
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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	04/01/2010		F ⁽¹⁾	D 1,474 \$ 22.37	19,695 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	04/01/2010		G ⁽³⁾	V 2,726 \$ 0	16,994 ⁽⁴⁾	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	04/01/2010		G ⁽³⁾	V 2,726 A \$ 0	44,003 ⁽⁵⁾	I	Trust ⁽⁶⁾
Common Stock, par					646	I	Held in 401(k)

value \$5.00

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 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 Beneficially (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Leroy P. Wages 04/02/2010

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) Forfeiture of 1,474 shares for the payment of taxes upon the vesting and distribution of 4,200 restricted share units granted on 4/2/2007. The grant of the restricted share units was reported at the time of grant.
- (2) Includes 15,407 restricted share units and performance-based restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.
- (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.

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- (4) Includes 25 deferred share units acquired through the reinvestment of dividend equivalents and 15,407 restricted share units and performance-based restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.
- (5) Includes 221 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.
- (6) Trust for which the reporting person serves as a co-trustee with his spouse, and of which his spouse is a beneficiary.

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