STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

RUELLE MARK A

Form 4

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RUELLE MARK A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3 Date o	f Earliest Transaction		(Check all applicable)			
818 S KANSAS AVENUE			(Month/Day/Year) 11/13/2017			_X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify below) President & CEO			
(Street)			4. If Ame	endment, Date Original		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
ТОРЕКА, І	XS 66612			nth/Day/Year)		Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-Derivative Secu	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	Execution the Execution		3. 4. Securities A Transaction(A) or Dispose Code (Instr. 3, 4 and (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D)	cquired d of (D) 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	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	11/13/2017			S 37,000 D	\$ 54.35	185,594 <u>(1)</u>	D		
Common Stock, par value \$5.00						18,317	I	Living trust of spouse	

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Ketationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
RUELLE MARK A						

818 S KANSAS AVENUE X President & CEO

TOPEKA, KS 66612

Signatures

Cynthia S. Couch by power of 11/15/2017 attorney

**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).

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(1) Includes 80,975 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

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