

KONGS KEVIN L.
Form 4
January 19, 2018

FORM 4

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KONGS KEVIN L.

(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)

01/18/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Vice President, Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ 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 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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock Par Value \$5.00	01/18/2018		A ⁽¹⁾	2,268 A	\$ 0	31,988 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock Par Value \$5.00	01/18/2018		F ⁽³⁾	669 D	\$ 52.825	31,319 ⁽²⁾	D

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 Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				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
KONGS KEVIN L. 818 S KANSAS AVE TOPEKA, KS 66612	Vice President, Controller

Signatures

Cynthia Couch by power of attorney 01/19/2018

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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- Vesting of 2,268 performance-based restricted share units that were granted on February 25, 2015, with a vesting date of January 1, 2018. Under the terms of the grant, the number of shares to be received by the Reporting Person at vesting is increased or decreased based on
- (1) the Issuer's Total Shareholder Return as compared to the Total Shareholder Return for a defined Peer Group of companies for the defined Performance Period. The determination that the performance criteria relating to the grant had been met and the calculation of the number of shares to be distributed were completed on January 18, 2018.
 - (2) Includes 3,775 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.
 - (3) Forfeiture of 669 shares for the payment of taxes upon the vesting of 2,268 performance-based restricted share units granted on 2/25/15.

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