WESTAR ENERGY INC/KS Form 8-K May 09, 2006

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) May 9, 2006

WESTAR ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

KANSAS (State or other jurisdiction of

1-3523 (Commission File Number)

48-0290150 (IRS Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

818 South Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas (Address of principal executive offices) Registrant s telephone number, including area code (785) 575-6300

(Zip Code)

66612

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

WESTAR ENERGY, INC.

Section 2. Financial Information

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 9, 2006, we issued a press release announcing our earnings for the quarter ended March 31, 2006. A copy of our May 9, 2006 press release is attached hereto as exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by this reference.

The information above is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K. Accordingly, the information in Item 2.02 of this Current Report, including the press release attached hereto as exhibit, will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated by reference.

Section 9. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated May 9, 2006

Forward-looking statements: Certain matters discussed in this Current Report on Form 8-K are forward-looking statements. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 has established that these statements qualify for safe harbors from liability. Forward-looking statements may include words like we believe, anticipate, expect, likely, estimate, intend or words of similar meaning. Forward-looking statements describe our future plans, objectives, expectations or goals and are based on assumptions by the management of the Company as of the date of this document. If management s assumptions prove incorrect or should unanticipated circumstances arise, the Company s actual results could differ materially from those anticipated. These differences could be caused by a number of factors or combination of factors including, but not limited to, those factors described under the heading Risk Factors contained in the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2006 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Readers are urged to consider such factors when evaluating any forward-looking statement, and the Company cautions you not to put undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date such statement was made, and we do not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement was made except as required by applicable laws or regulations.

The information contained in this report is summary information that is intended to be considered in the context of our SEC filings and other public announcements that we may make, by press release or otherwise, from time to time. We disclaim any current intention to revise or update the information contained in this report, although we may do so from time to time as our management believes is warranted. Any such updating may be made through the filing of other reports or documents with the SEC, through press releases or through other public disclosure.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Westar Energy, Inc.

Date: May 9, 2006 By: /s/ Mark A. Ruelle

Name: Mark A. Ruelle

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Number

Description of Exhibit Press Release dated May 9, 2006 Exhibit 99.1