# **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): August 15, 2007 (August 14, 2007)

Westar Energy, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Kansas

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-3523 (Commission File Number) 48-0290150 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

818 South Kansas Avenue

Topeka, Kansas (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

66611 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (785) 575-6300

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

#### **Section 2** Financial Information

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

On August 14, 2007, Kansas Gas and Electric Company (the Company ), our wholly-owned subsidiary, entered into a Bond Purchase Agreement (the Agreement ) with Nomura International PLC ( Nomura ). Under the terms of the Agreement, the Company will sell \$175,000,000 principal amount of First Mortgage Bonds, 6.53% Series due December 31, 2037 (the Bonds ) to Nomura on a date to be agreed upon between the Company and Nomura, which shall be no earlier than October 15, 2007 and no later than December 31, 2007, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions. The Bonds will be issued under the Company s Mortgage and Deed of Trust, dated as of April 1, 1940, as amended, and will mature on December 15, 2037. The sale of the Bonds is being made by the Company in reliance on a private placement exemption from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

The foregoing summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 4.1 hereto and incorporated by reference.

#### Section 9 Financial Statement and Exhibits

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

4.1 Bond Purchase Agreement, dated as of August 14, 2007, between Kansas Gas and Electric Company and Nomura

International PLC

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#### **SIGNATURES**

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 hereunto duly authorized.

### WESTAR ENERGY, INC.

Date: August 15, 2007 By: /s/ Larry D. Irick

Name: Larry D. Irick

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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