

WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS
Form 8-K
January 22, 2009

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) January 22, 2009 (January 21, 2009)

WESTAR ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

KANSAS
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1-3523
(Commission File Number)

48-0290150
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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818 South Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas
(Address of principal executive offices)

66612
(Zip Code)

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

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

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Section 8. Other Events

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On January 21, 2009, the Kansas Corporation Commission issued an order in our Kansas retail rate case. The order approved the Stipulation and Agreement that we entered on October 27, 2008 with all parties to the rate case. The order provides for a \$130 million annual increase in rates. This includes a \$65 million annual increase, or approximately 11 percent, in each of our northern and southern rate areas. The new rates will become effective within 30 days of the date of the order, pending the filing and approval of new tariffs reflecting the new rate schedules.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Westar Energy, Inc.

Date: January 22, 2009

By: /s/ Larry D. Irick
Name: Larry D. Irick
Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate
Secretary