

WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS
Form 8-K
October 26, 2011

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) October 26, 2011

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)

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

66612
(Zip Code)

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:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On October 26, 2011, Richard L. Hawley was appointed to our board of directors as a Class II director. Mr. Hawley has been assigned to serve on the Audit Committee and on the Compensation Committee of our board of directors. Mr. Hawley will receive the standard compensation paid to, and will be eligible to participate in the Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan available to, our non-employee directors as disclosed in our 2011 Proxy Statement under the caption Director Compensation.

A press release announcing his appointment is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated October 26, 2011

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: October 26, 2011

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
Exhibit 99.1	Press Release dated October 26, 2011