

NETTELS JOHN C JR
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
NETTELS JOHN C JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
818 S. KANSAS AVE.

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/03/2005

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

TOPEKA, KS 66612

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (A) 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 (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	01/03/2005		A ⁽¹⁾	2,000 A	\$ 0 (1) 14,117 (2)	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00					500	I	By trust (3)

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)
Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾	01/03/2005		A	134	⁽⁵⁾ / ⁽⁵⁾	Common Stock 134	\$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NETTELS JOHN C JR 818 S. KANSAS AVE. TOPEKA, KS 66612		X		

Signatures

Cynthia S. Couch by power of attorney
Date: 01/04/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Stock award received as a partial retainer fee.
- (2) Includes 1,258 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture and 117 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.
- (3) Shares are held in a trust for which the reporting person serves as a co-trustee with shared investment and voting power.
- (4) Units convert into common stock on a one for one basis.
- (5) Share units received as partial retainer and meeting fees pursuant to a deferred compensation plan for directors.

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