WESTAR ENERGY INC/KS

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LOYD PEGGY S			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
a o arino									(Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 818 S. KANSAS AVE.			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2005					Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP, Corp. Compl., Int. Audit					
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person					
TOPEKA, KS 66612									Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc					quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Execution	emed ion Date, if /Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) o l of (E))	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Stock, Par Value \$5.00	04/01/2005			A(1)	5,314	A	<u>(1)</u>	38,366 (2)	D				
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00								870	I	Held in 401(k) Plan			

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)

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						Exercisable	Date T	Title	e Number		
						Lacicisable			of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

LOYD PEGGY S 818 S. KANSAS AVE. **TOPEKA, KS 66612**

VP, Corp. Compl., Int. Audit

Signatures

Cynthia S. Couch by power of attorney

04/05/2005

**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) Grant of restricted share units which vest ratably by one-half on each anniversary of the grant date for two years.
- (2) Includes 14,628 restricted share units subject to forfeiture and 142 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.

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