

WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS
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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 *
KRAUSE ARTHUR B

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)
 03/07/2005

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)		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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price			
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	03/07/2005		G ⁽¹⁾	V	2,000	A \$ 0 5,336 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	03/29/2005		G ⁽¹⁾	V	1,768	A \$ 0 7,104 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00						7,148 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	03/07/2005		G ⁽¹⁾	V	2,000	D \$ 0 1,768	I	Trust ⁽⁴⁾

Common
 Stock, Par 03/29/2005 G⁽¹⁾ V 1,768 D \$ 0 0 I Trust ⁽⁴⁾
 Value \$5.00

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)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KRAUSE ARTHUR B 818 S. KANSAS AVE. TOPEKA, KS 66612		X		

Signatures

Cynthia S. Couch by power of attorney 05/18/2005
 **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) Shares were transferred to the reporting person from a trust of which the reporting person is the beneficiary and the reporting person's spouse is the trustee.
- (2) Includes 1,024 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

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- (3) Includes 1,024 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture and 44 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends in April of 2005.
- (4) The reporting person is the beneficiary of the trust and the reporting person's spouse is the trustee.

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