

WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS
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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STERBENZ DOUGLAS R
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

818 S. KANSAS AVE.
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP, Generating & Marketing

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

TOPEKA, KS 66612

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

| 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) | (A) or (D) | Price | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (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 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 95,957 ⁽¹⁾ | D | Â |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 8,691 | 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)

| 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. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| STERBENZ DOUGLAS R 818 S. KANSAS AVE. TOPEKA, KS 66612 | Â | Â | Â SVP, Generating & Marketing | Â |

Signatures

Cynthia S. Couch by power of attorney
 Date: 02/08/2006

__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) Share balance is as of February 7, 2006, and includes 62,500 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture and 664 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.

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