

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 *
IRICK LARRY D

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)
 04/26/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP, Gen Counsel and Corp Sec

TOPEKA, KS 66612
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	04/26/2006		A ⁽¹⁾	13,193 A <u>11</u>	66,652 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00					977	I	Held in 401(k) Plan
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00					935	I	Held by Spouse

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

