WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS

Form 4 July 02, 2008

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

STERBENZ DOUGLAS R			Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR]					Issuer				
(Last)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 818 S. KANSAS AVE.			(Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2008					Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP & Chief Operating Officer				
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
ТОРЕКА, К	Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Day (Month/Day/Year)) Execution any		3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d 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)			
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	07/01/2008			F(1)	975	D	\$ 21.43	106,637 (2)	D			
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00								10,731	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STERBENZ DOUGLAS R 818 S. KANSAS AVE. TOPEKA, KS 66612

EVP & Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

Douglas R. 07/02/2008 Sterbenz

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Forfeiture of 975 shares for the payment of taxes upon the vesting of 3,100 restricted share units that were granted to the officer on July 2, 2007. The acquisition of the restricted share units was previously reported at the time of the grant.
- (2) Includes 42,000 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

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