#### WESTAR ENERGY INC/KS

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### FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * EDWARDS ROY A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction			(Check all applicable)				
			(Month/Day/Year)			_X_ Director		6 Owner		
818 S. KANSAS AVE.			10/01/2008			Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _Form filed by More than One Reporting				
TOPEKA, K	S 66612						Person	Wore than One K	eporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Executi any	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) or l 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00							25,782 (1)	D		
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00							2,402 (2)	I	Held by spouse	

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Units	\$ 0 (3)	10/01/2008		A(4)	398	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	398	\$0

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
·r···	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
EDWARDS ROY A 818 S. KANSAS AVE.	X						
TOPEKA, KS 66612	21						

### **Signatures**

Cynthia S. Couch by power of attorney 10/02/2008

\*\*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) Includes 380 shares and deferred share units acquired through the reinvestment of dividends or dividend equivalents.
- (2) Includes 60 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.
- (3) Units convert into common stock on a one for one basis.
- (4) Share units received as a partial payment of retainer and meeting fees that have been deferred pursuant to a non-employee director deferred compensation plan.
- (5) Includes 205 deferred share units acquired as reinvested dividend equivalents.

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