

WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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 Form 3 Holdings Reported Form 4 Transactions Reported

**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 \*  
**WAGES LEROY P**  
 (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)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP, Controller

818 S. KANSAS AVE.  
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2008

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

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 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	03/04/2008	^	G <sup>(1)</sup>	25,189 D \$ 0	21,600 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	^
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	08/14/2008	^	G <sup>(1)</sup>	11,967 D \$ 0	9,855 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	^
Common	03/04/2008	^	G <sup>(1)</sup>	25,189 A \$ 0	25,189	I	Trust

Stock, Par Value  
\$5.00

Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00 08/14/2008 Â G<sup>(1)</sup> 11,967 A \$ 0 37,482 <sup>(4)</sup> I Trust

Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00 Â Â Â Â Â Â 646 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. of D Se O E Is Fi (I
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WAGES LEROY P 818 S. KANSAS AVE. TOPEKA, KS 66612	Â	Â	Â VP, Controller	Â

## Signatures

Leroy P. Wages 02/09/2009  
 \*\*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 from the reporting person to the reporting person's trust, for which he serves as a co-trustee with his spouse, and of which his spouse is a beneficiary.
- (2) Includes 8,400 restricted share units subject to forfeiture.
- (3) Includes 8,400 restricted share units subject to forfeiture and 222 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.
- (4) Includes 326 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.

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