

WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**MOORE WILLIAM B**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

818 S KANSAS AVENUE

(Street)

TOPEKA, KS 66612

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

**WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

07/01/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	07/01/2009		F <sup>(1)</sup>	163 D	\$ 18.645	177,585 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$5.00						80,001 <sup>(3)</sup>	I By trust <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$5.00						1,212 <sup>(5)</sup>	I By trust <sup>(6)</sup>

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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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MOORE WILLIAM B 818 S KANSAS AVENUE TOPEKA, KS 66612	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

William B. Moore 07/02/2009

\_\_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) Forfeiture of 163 shares for the payment of taxes upon the vesting and deferral of 7,800 restricted share units granted to the officer on 7/2/2007. The acquisition of the restricted share units was reported at the time of the grant.
- (2) Includes 57,500 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.
- (3) Includes 2,591 shares acquired through the reinvested of dividends.
- (4) Shares are held in a trust of which the reporting person is both a co-trustee and a beneficiary.
- (5) Includes 39 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.

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(6) Shares are held in a trust of which the reporting person is a co-trustee.

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