

WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS

Form 4

February 26, 2010

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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See Instruction
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

818 SW 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)

02/24/2010

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)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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	02/24/2010		A ⁽¹⁾	32,800 A	\$ 0 209,571 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	02/24/2010		A ⁽³⁾	32,800 A	\$ 0 242,371 ⁽⁴⁾	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	02/24/2010		A ⁽⁵⁾	32,800 A	\$ 0 275,171 ⁽⁶⁾	D	
Common Stock, par	02/24/2010		A ⁽⁷⁾	24,600 A	\$ 0 299,771 ⁽⁸⁾	D	

value \$5.00

Common

Stock, par 02/24/2010

A⁽⁹⁾

16,400

A

\$ 0

316,171 ⁽¹⁰⁾

D

value \$5.00

Common

Stock, par

82,325

I

value \$5.00

By trust
⁽¹¹⁾

Common

Stock, par

1,248

I

value \$5.00

By trust
⁽¹²⁾

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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Cynthia S. Couch by power of
attorney

02/26/2010

**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) Grant of restricted share units that will vest on 12/31/2010 if the reporting person remains employed with the issuer through the vesting date. Restricted share units are subject to forfeiture under certain conditions.
- (2) Includes 70,600 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.
- (3) Grant of restricted share units that will vest on 12/31/2011 if the reporting person remains employed with the issuer through the vesting date. Restricted share units are subject to forfeiture under certain conditions.
- (4) Includes 103,400 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.
- (5) Grant of restricted share units that will vest on 12/31/2012 if the reporting person remains employed with the issuer through the vesting date. Restricted share units are subject to forfeiture under certain conditions.
- (6) Includes 136,200 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.
- (7) Grant of performance-based restricted share units that will vest on 12/31/2010 if the reporting person remains employed with the issuer through the vesting date. Restricted share units are subject to forfeiture under certain conditions. Additional shares may be earned based on performance determined at a specified time.
- (8) Includes 160,800 restricted share units and performance-based restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.
- (9) Grant of performance-based restricted share units that will vest on 12/31/2011 if the reporting person remains employed with the issuer through the vesting date. Restricted share units are subject to forfeiture under certain conditions. Additional shares may be earned based on performance determined at a specified time.
- (10) Includes 177,200 restricted share units and performance-based restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.
- (11) Shares are held in a trust, of which the reporting person is both a co-trustee and beneficiary of the trust.
- (12) Shares are held in a trust, of which the reporting person is a co-trustee.

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