

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 *
LUDWIG JAMES J

(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)
 EVP, Pub. Affairs & Con. Srvs.

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	02/24/2010		A ⁽¹⁾		7,500 A \$ 0 38,893 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	02/24/2010		A ⁽³⁾		7,500 A \$ 0 46,393 ⁽⁴⁾	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	02/24/2010		A ⁽⁵⁾		7,500 A \$ 0 53,893 ⁽⁶⁾	D	
Common Stock, par	02/24/2010		A ⁽⁷⁾		5,625 A \$ 0 59,518 ⁽⁸⁾	D	

value \$5.00

Common

Stock, par 02/24/2010 A⁽⁹⁾ 3,750 A \$ 0 63,268 ⁽¹⁰⁾ D
value \$5.00

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 Reporting Date (Instr. 6)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LUDWIG JAMES J 818 SW KANSAS AVENUE TOPEKA, KS 66612			EVP, Pub. Affairs & Con. Srvs.	

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.

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- (2) Includes 14,500 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 22,000 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 29,500 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.
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 35,125 restricted share units and performance-based restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.
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 38,875 restricted share units and performance-based restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

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