

WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

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)

01/13/2011

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	01/13/2011		A <sup>(1)</sup>	14,924 A	\$ 0 282,657 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	01/13/2011		F <sup>(3)</sup>	6,186 D	\$ 25.275 276,471 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00					102,985	I	By trust <sup>(4)</sup>

Common Stock, par value \$5.00 1,315 I By trust (5)

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. 5)
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## 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

William B. Moore 01/17/2011

\*\*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) Vesting and distribution of 14,924 performance-based restricted share units that were granted on February 24, 2010 and vested on January 1, 2011. The determination of the number of performance-based restricted share units that vested and that the performance criteria was

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met was made on January 13, 2011. Under the terms of the grant, the number of shares to be received by the Reporting Person is increased or decreased based on the Issuer's Total Shareholder Return as compared to the Total Shareholder Return for a defined Peer Group of companies for the defined Performance Period.

- (2) Includes 82,000 restricted share units and performance-based restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.
- (3) Forfeiture of 6,186 shares for the payment of taxes upon the vesting and distribution of 14,924 performance-based restricted share units granted to the reporting person on 2/24/10 and described in this report.
- (4) Shares are held in a trust, of which the reporting person is both a co-trustee and beneficiary of the trust.
- (5) Shares are held in a trust, of which the reporting person is a co-trustee.

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