

WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)

07/31/2011

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)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting 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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	07/31/2011		F <sup>(1)</sup>	19,351 D \$ 25.785	186,391 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	08/01/2011		G <sup>(3)</sup>	27,330 D \$ 0	159,061 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	08/01/2011		G <sup>(3)</sup>	27,330 A \$ 0	178,356	I	By trust <sup>(4)</sup>



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The balance of directly-held stock includes 12,688 performance-based restricted share units that will vest in January of 2012. In addition, the balance was reduced by 50,690 time-based restricted share units and 3,712 performance-based restricted share units that were previously reported and which were forfeited by the reporting person upon his retirement.

- (3) Shares were transferred by the reporting person to a trust for which he is both a co-trustee and beneficiary.
- (4) Shares are held in a trust, of which the reporting person is both a co-trustee and beneficiary of the trust.
- (5) Includes 32 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.
- (6) Shares are held in a trust, of which the reporting person is a co-trustee.

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