

WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS

Form 4

December 01, 2011

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STERBENZ DOUGLAS R

(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)

11/30/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

EVP & Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ 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)
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	11/22/2011		G ⁽¹⁾	V 3,600 D \$ 0	96,900 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	11/23/2011		G ⁽¹⁾	V 400 D \$ 0	96,500 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	11/30/2011		S	14,700 D \$ 27.3791 ⁽³⁾	81,800 ⁽²⁾	D	

Common Stock, par value \$5.00	12,778	I	Held in 401(k) Plan
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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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo 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

STERBENZ DOUGLAS R
818 SW KANSAS AVENUE
TOPEKA, KS 66612

EVP & Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

Cynthia S. Couch by power of
attorney

12/01/2011

__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) Gifts of shares to charitable organizations.

(2) Includes 49,500 restricted share units and performance-based restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

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Sale of 14,700 shares at prices ranging from \$27.33 to \$27.44, with a weighted average price of \$27.3791. Upon request by Securities

- (3) Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, the reporting person will provide information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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