WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

RUELLE MARK A

Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director (Month/Day/Year) 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 818 SW KANSAS AVENUE 01/01/2012 below) President & CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **TOPEKA, KS 66612** Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Ownership (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common Stock, par 6,971 D $F^{(1)}$ 01/01/2012 93,211 (2) D value \$5.00 Common Living Stock, par 23,617 Ι trust of value spouse \$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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
RUELLE MARK A 818 SW KANSAS AVENUE TOPEKA, KS 66612	X		President & CEO				

Signatures

Cynthia S. Couch by power of attorney 01/04/2012

**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) Forfeiture of 6,971 shares for the payment of taxes upon the vesting and distribution of 21,750 restricted share units granted on 2/24/10. The acquisition of the restricted share units was reported at the time of grant.
- (2) Includes 50,630 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

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