

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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
EDWARDS ROY A

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
818 S. KANSAS AVE.  
(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)  
07/02/2012

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)

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				(A) or (D) Price	40,195 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00				(A) or (D) Price	2,930 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	Held by spouse

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)
Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	07/02/2012		A <sup>(4)</sup>	509	<sup>(4)</sup> / <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock 509	\$ 0

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
EDWARDS ROY A 818 S. KANSAS AVE. TOPEKA, KS 66612		X		

## Signatures

Cynthia S. Couch by power of attorney  
Date: 07/03/2012

\*\*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) Includes 435 shares and deferred share units acquired through the reinvestment of dividends and dividend equivalents.
- (2) Includes 32 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.
- (3) Units convert into common stock on a one for one basis.
- (4) Share units received as a partial payment of retainer and meeting fees that have been deferred pursuant to a non-employee director deferred compensation plan.
- (5) Includes 334 deferred share units acquired through the reinvestment of dividend equivalents.

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