WESTAR ENERGY INC/KS

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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * IRICK LARRY D			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
			Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify			
818 S KANSAS AVE.			03/27/2013	below) VP, Gen Counsel and Corp Sec			
	(Street)		I. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
TOPEKA, KS 66612				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Oate, if Transactiomr Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficially Form: Beneficial Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock Par Value \$5.00	03/27/2013		S 2,000 D \$ 32.72	01 67,517 (1) D			

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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Title		8. Price of	9. Nu
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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
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					(A) or						Repo
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					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable Date	Title Number	Number			
							Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

IRICK LARRY D 818 S KANSAS AVE. TOPEKA, KS 66612

VP, Gen Counsel and Corp Sec

Signatures

Larry D. Irick 03/27/2013

**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 20,445 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

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