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WESTAR EN Form 4 January 11, 2 <b>FORM</b> Check this if no long subject to Section 10 Form 4 or Form 5 obligation may conti <i>See</i> Instru 1(b).	<b>4</b> UNITED s box er <b>STATEN</b> 6. 5. Filed pur Section 17(	STATES MENT O	Was F CHAN Section 1	shington GES IN SECUR 6(a) of th tility Hole	, D.C. 20 BENEF RITIES le Securi ding Cor	)549 TICLA ties H npan	AL OWN Exchange y Act of	OMMISSION NERSHIP OF e Act of 1934, 1935 or Section 0	OMB Number: Expires: Estimated a burden hour response		
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Banning Jerl L.			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (I	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					k un upplicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year) 01/11/2017					Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP, Oper. Support & Admin.			
			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check</li> <li>Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One Reporting</li> </ul>			
TOPEKA, KS 66612								porting			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	y Owned	
Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Executio: any		3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V	(Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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	01/11/2017			A <u>(1)</u>	8,960	А	\$ 0	29,870 <u>(2)</u>	D		
Common Stock Par Value \$5.00	01/11/2017			F <u>(3)</u>	2,854	D	\$ 56.285	27,016 <u>(2)</u>	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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired	3	ate	7. Title Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo
				(A) or Disposed of (D)						Repo Trans (Instr
				(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						linet
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Banning Jerl L. 818 S KANSAS AVE TOPEKA, KS 66612			SVP, Oper. Support & Admin.				
Signatures							
Cynthia S. Couch by power of attorney		01/11/2	017				

\*\*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).

Vesting of 8,960 performance-based restricted share units that were granted on February 26, 2014, with a vesting date of January 1, 2017. Under the terms of the grant, the number of shares to be received by the Reporting Person at vesting is increased or decreased based on

- (1) the Issuer's Total Shareholder Return as compared to the Total Shareholder Return for a defined Peer Group of companies for the defined Performance Period. The determination that the performance criteria relating to the grant had been met and the calculation of the number of shares to be distributed were completed on January 11, 2017.
- (2) Includes 7,615 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture and 70 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.
- (3) Forfeiture of 2,854 shares for the payment of taxes upon the vesting of 8,960 restricted share units granted on 2/26/14.

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