IRICK LARRY D Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(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 (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 818 S KANSAS AVE.			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/14/2017					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP, Gen Counsel and Corp Sec			
				Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
TOPEKA, KS 66612				Ī				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	ırities Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	ansaction Date 2A. Deemed htth/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or				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	08/14/2017			Code V S	Amount 5,000	(D)	Price \$ 50.9301	83,713 <u>(1)</u>	D		
Common Stock Par Value \$5.00	08/15/2017			S	5,000	D	\$ 51.4	78,713 <u>(1)</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)

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				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

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 08/15/2017

**Signature of Person Date

**Reporting Person

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 16,575 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture and 8 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividend equivalents earned prior to the suspension of the issuer's broad-based dividend reinvestment plan.

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