AKIN BRUCE A Form 4 January 18, 2018

FORM 4

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

AKIN BRUCE A			Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR]					Issuer				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)				
818 S KANSAS AVE			(Month/Day/Year) 01/18/2018					Director 10% Owner Sylvary Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP, Power Delivery				
	(Street)		4 If Ame	endment, D	nta Origin	al.		ŕ	-			
(Silect)				nth/Day/Yea	Č	aı		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)				
TOPEKA,	KS 66612				-,			_X_ Form filed by C	One Reporting Pe fore than One Re			
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	nsaction Date 2A. Deemed th/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common				Code V	Amount	or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Stock Par Value \$5.00	01/18/2018			A <u>(1)</u>	4,389	A	\$ 0	39,348 (2)	D			
Common Stock Par Value \$5.00	01/18/2018			F(3)	1,289	D	\$ 52.825	38,059 (2)	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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						Exercisable	Date	Title N	Number		
				G 1 W	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

AKIN BRUCE A 818 S KANSAS AVE TOPEKA, KS 66612

SVP, Power Delivery

Signatures

Cynthia S. Couch by power of attorney

01/18/2018

**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 4,389 performance-based restricted share units that were granted on February 25, 2015, with a vesting date of January 1, 2018. 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 18, 2018.
- (2) Includes 6,780 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture and 1 share acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.
- (3) Forfeiture of shares for the payment of taxes upon the vesting of 4,389 performance-based restricted share units granted on 2/25/15.

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