IRICK LARRY D

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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 | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 818 S. KANSAS AVE. | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/04/2018 | | | | | (Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP, Gen Counsel & Corp Sec | | |
| торека, | (Street) 4. If Ame Filed(Mo | | | | Oate Origin ar) | al | A - | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tab | ole I - Non | -Derivative | e Secu | rities Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficial | ly Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Date, if | Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securioror Dispos (Instr. 3, | sed of 4 and (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) |
| Stock, Par Value \$5.00 | 06/04/2018 | | | A <u>(1)</u> | 20,572 | A | \$ 0 | 92,245 | D | |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00 | 06/04/2018 | | | F(2) | 15,373 | D | \$ 55.8925 | 76,872 | D | |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00 | 06/04/2018 | | | F(3) | 87 | D | \$ 55.8925 | 76,785 | D | |

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| Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00 | 06/04/2018 | F(4) | 427 | D | \$ 55.08 | 76,358 | D |
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| Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00 | 06/04/2018 | D <u>(5)</u> | 76,358 | D | \$ 55.08 (6) | 0 | 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) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | ate | Secur | unt of rlying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|-------|--|---|---|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 8 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| IRICK LARRY D | | | | | | | | |
| 818 S. KANSAS AVE. | | | VP, Gen Counsel & Corp Sec | | | | | |

TOPEKA, KS 66612 **Signatures**

Cynthia S. Couch by power of attorney 06/04/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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Explanation of Responses:

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- * 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 20,572 performance-based restricted share units that were granted on 2/24/16, 2/26/17 and 2/21/18. Under the terms of the grants of performance-based restricted share units, the number of shares to be received at vesting is increased or decreased based on 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. Under the terms of a merger agreement between Westar Energy, Inc. and Great Plains Energy Incorporated, performance-based restricted share units vest on the merger closing date at the greater of the target award or the actual number based on the performance criteria. 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 6/4/18.

- Forfeiture of 15,373 shares for the payment of taxes upon the vesting and distribution of 36,387 time-based and performance-based restricted share units granted on 2/24/16, 2/26/17 and 2/21/18.
- (3) Forfeiture of 87 shares for the payment of taxes upon the distribution of deferred shares.
- (4) Forfeiture of 427 shares for the payment of taxes upon the distribution of deferred stock for compensation shares.
- Shares of Westar Energy, Inc. stock and deferred Westar Energy, Inc. stock units were exchanged for shares of Evergy, Inc. stock pursuant to a merger agreement between Westar Energy, Inc. and Great Plains Energy Incorporated on a 1 to 1 basis.
- Solely for purposes of this filing, the estimated market value per share of Evergy, Inc. common stock on 6/4/18 was \$55.08 per share (the closing stock price of the common stock of Westar Energy, Inc. as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on 6/1/18).

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