

WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS  
Form 8-K  
November 01, 2002

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**Current Report**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**November 1, 2002**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**WESTAR ENERGY, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Kansas**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or  
organization)

**1-3523**  
(Commission file number)

**48-0290150**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**818 South Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66612**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**(785) 575-6300**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**WESTAR ENERGY, INC.**

**Item 5. Other Events**

On November 1, 2002, we issued a press release announcing that we will restate our first and second quarter 2002 financial statements to reflect an additional impairment at Protection One, Inc. pursuant to the application of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards Nos. 142 and 144, and to reflect a previously reported non-cash charge related to marking to market the amount of a potential liability arising from a call option related to our 6.25 percent senior unsecured notes issued in August 1998. A copy of the press release is attached to this report.

**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated November 1, 2002.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

WESTAR ENERGY, INC.

Date: November 1, 2002

By

/s/ PAUL R. GEIST  
Paul R. Geist, Senior Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
99.1	Press Release dated November 1, 2002