WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS Form 8-K May 05, 2011

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) May 5, 2011

WESTAR ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

KANSAS (State or other jurisdiction of

1-3523 (Commission 48-0290150 (IRS Employer

incorporation or organization)

File Number)

Identification No.)

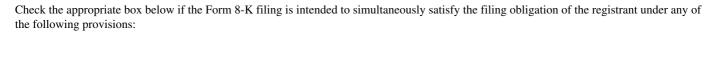
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(Zip Code)

818 South Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas (Address of principal executive offices) Registrant s telephone number, including area code (785) 575-6300

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)



- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- " Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

WESTAR ENERGY, INC.

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On May 5, 2011, we issued a press release announcing our earnings for the period ended March 31, 2011. A copy of our May 5, 2011 press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. We are also including our 2011 First Quarter Earnings package, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference. The information furnished pursuant to this Item 2.02, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by us under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated May 5, 2011

Exhibit 99.2 2011 First Quarter Earnings package

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Westar Energy, Inc.

Date: May 5, 2011 By: /s/ Larry D. Irick

Name: Larry D. Irick

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Description of Exhibit

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated May 5, 2011 Exhibit 99.2 2011 First Quarter Earnings package