STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

WESTAR ENERGY INC/KS

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RUELLE MARK A			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 AVENUE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2013				(Check all applicable) X Director			
			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				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)	Table I - Non-	Derivative	Securi		red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deemed Execution Date any (Month/Day/Ye	3. Transaction Code ear) (Instr. 8)		ies Acq ed of (l	quired (A)	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	03/11/2013		G(1) V	3,000	D	\$ 0	158,488 <u>(2)</u>	D		
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	03/15/2013		S	15,000	D	\$ 31.9282	143,488 (2)	D		
Common Stock, par value \$5.00							18,317	I	Living trust of spouse	

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	ctionNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amour	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underl	ying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	Derivative	e		Securit	ties	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
							Expiration Date	Title Number of		
				Code	V (A) (D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

RUELLE MARK A 818 S KANSAS AVENUE TOPEKA, KS 66612

X

President & CEO

Signatures

Cynthia S. Couch by power of attorney

03/15/2013

**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).
- (1) Gifts of shares to non-profit organizations.
- (2) Includes 89,434 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

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