

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) November 7, 2014

WESTAR ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

KANSAS

1-3523

48-0290150

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

818 South Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas

66612

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On November 7, 2014, Mr. Douglas R. Sterbenz, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Westar Energy, Inc., announced his retirement effective January 1, 2015.

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: November 10, 2014

By: /s/ Larry D. Irick

Name: Larry D. Irick

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary