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**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) September 10, 2013 (September 9, 2013)

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**WESTAR ENERGY, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**KANSAS**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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**1-3523**

(Commission File Number)

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**48-0290150**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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**818 South Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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**66612**

(Zip Code)

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

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**Not Applicable**

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

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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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**WESTAR ENERGY, INC.**

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

On September 9, 2013, we announced that Leroy P. Wages, our Vice President and Controller, will retire effective on November 8, 2013. We also announced the appointment by our Board of Directors of Kevin L. Kongs, currently our Assistant Controller, to succeed Mr. Wages as our Vice President and Controller, effective November 8, 2013. Mr. Kongs, age 51, has served as our Assistant Controller since October 2006.

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: September 10, 2013

By: /s/ Larry D. Irick

Name: Larry D. Irick  
Title: Vice President, General Counsel  
and Corporate Secretary