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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 17, 2012**

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**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**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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

**66612**  
(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 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

We held our 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on May 17, 2012 in Topeka, Kansas. Results for items presented for voting are listed below.

**Item 1 on the Proxy Card.** Our shareholders elected four directors for a three-year term, with the following vote:

|                        | For        | Number of Votes |                  |
|------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------|
|                        |            | Withheld        | Broker Non-Votes |
| Charles Q. Chandler IV | 79,639,403 | 1,039,924       | 28,458,514       |
| R.A. Edwards III       | 79,544,193 | 1,135,134       | 28,458,514       |
| Sandra A.J. Lawrence   | 78,819,140 | 1,860,187       | 28,458,514       |
| Michael F. Morrissey   | 78,824,865 | 1,854,462       | 28,458,514       |

**Item 2 on the Proxy Card.** In an advisory “say on pay” vote, our shareholders approved the compensation of our named executive officers, with the following vote:

| For        | Number of Votes |           |                  |
|------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|
|            | Against         | Abstain   | Broker Non-Votes |
| 73,128,968 | 3,287,441       | 4,262,918 | 28,458,514       |

**Item 3 on the Proxy Card.** Our shareholders voted for the ratification and confirmation of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2012, with the following vote:

| For         | Number of Votes |         |
|-------------|-----------------|---------|
|             | Against         | Abstain |
| 107,729,770 | 913,584         | 494,487 |

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 21, 2012

By: /s/ Larry D. Irick

Name: Larry D. Irick

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary