

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>WAGES LEROY P</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>818 SW KANSAS AVENUE</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>TOPEKA KS 66612</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [ WR ]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP, Controller</u>		
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/01/2010</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	04/01/2010		F <sup>(1)</sup>		1,474	D	\$22.37	19,695 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	04/01/2010		G <sup>(3)</sup>	v	2,726	D	\$0	16,994 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00	04/01/2010		G <sup>(3)</sup>	v	2,726	A	\$0	44,003 <sup>(5)</sup>	I	Trust <sup>(6)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$5.00								646	I	Held in 401(k) Plan

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Forfeiture of 1,474 shares for the payment of taxes upon the vesting and distribution of 4,200 restricted share units granted on 4/2/2007. The grant of the restricted share units was reported at the time of grant.
- Includes 15,407 restricted share units and performance-based restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.
- Shares were transferred from the reporting person to the reporting person's trust, for which he serves as a co-trustee with his spouse, and of which his spouse is a beneficiary.
- Includes 25 deferred share units acquired through the reinvestment of dividend equivalents and 15,407 restricted share units and performance-based restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.
- Includes 221 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.
- Trust for which the reporting person serves as a co-trustee with his spouse, and of which his spouse is a beneficiary.

**Remarks:**

Leroy P. Wages 04/02/2010  
 \*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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