

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MOORE WILLIAM B</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>818 S KANSAS AVENUE</u> (Street) <u>TOPEKA KS 66612</u> (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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President and CEO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>07/01/2009</u>	
	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	07/01/2009		F ⁽¹⁾		163	D	\$18.645	177,585 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, par value \$5.00								80,001 ⁽³⁾	I	By trust ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock, par value \$5.00								1,212 ⁽⁵⁾	I	By trust ⁽⁶⁾

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)		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)					

Explanation of Responses:

- Forfeiture of 163 shares for the payment of taxes upon the vesting and deferral of 7,800 restricted share units granted to the officer on 7/2/2007. The acquisition of the restricted share units was reported at the time of the grant.
- Includes 57,500 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.
- Includes 2,591 shares acquired through the reinvested of dividends.
- Shares are held in a trust of which the reporting person is both a co-trustee and a beneficiary.
- Includes 39 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.
- Shares are held in a trust of which the reporting person is a co-trustee.

Remarks:

William B. Moore

07/02/2009

** 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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