

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K/A**  
(Amendment No. 1)

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) October 20, 2004

**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)

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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.**

This Form 8-K/A amends the Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 20, 2004 and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 21, 2004 reporting, among other things, the appointment of Sandra A.J. Lawrence and Jerry B. Farley to our board of directors.

**Section 5. Corporate Governance and Management**

**Item 5.02(d)(3) - Committee Appointments of Recently-Appointed Directors**

On November 23, 2004, the board of directors appointed Sandra A.J. Lawrence to serve on the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the board of directors.

On November 23, 2004, the board of directors appointed Jerry B. Farley to serve on the Audit Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the board of directors.

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

**Westar Energy, Inc.**

Date: November 23, 2004

By: /s/ LARRY D. IRICK

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