

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>IRICK LARRY D</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>818 S. KANSAS AVE.</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> <hr/> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/13/2011</u> <hr/> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			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, Gen Counsel and Corp Sec</u> <hr/> 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		
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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	01/13/2011		A ⁽¹⁾		3,412	A	\$0	71,960 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock Par Value \$5.00	01/13/2011		F ⁽²⁾		1,074	D	\$25.275	70,886 ⁽³⁾	D	

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)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

- Vesting and distribution of 3,412 performance-based restricted share units that were granted on February 24, 2010 and vested on January 1, 2011. The determination of the number of performance-based restricted share units that vested and that the performance criteria was met was made on January 13, 2011. Under the terms of the grant, the number of shares to be received by the Reporting Person is increased or decreased based on the Issuer's Total Shareholder Return as compared to the Total Shareholder Return for a defined Peer Group of companies for the defined Performance Period.
- Forfeiture of 1,074 shares for the payment of taxes upon the vesting and distribution of 3,412 performance-based restricted share units granted on 2/24/10 and described in this report.
- Includes 18,750 restricted share units and performance-based restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

Remarks:

Larry D. Irick 01/14/2011
 ** 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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