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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* KRAUSE ARTHUR B (Last) (First) (Middle) 818 S. KANSAS AVE. (Street) TOPEKA KS 66612 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS [WR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2005	
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	03/07/2005		G ⁽¹⁾	V	2,000	A	\$0	5,336 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	03/29/2005		G ⁽¹⁾	V	1,768	A	\$0	7,104 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00								7,148 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	03/07/2005		G ⁽¹⁾	V	2,000	D	\$0	1,768	I	Trust ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	03/29/2005		G ⁽¹⁾	V	1,768	D	\$0	0	I	Trust ⁽⁴⁾

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:

- Shares were transferred to the reporting person from a trust of which the reporting person is the beneficiary and the reporting person's spouse is the trustee.
- Includes 1,024 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.
- Includes 1,024 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture and 44 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends in April of 2005.
- The reporting person is the beneficiary of the trust and the reporting person's spouse is the trustee.

Remarks:

Cynthia S. Couch by power of attorney 05/18/2005

** 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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