

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MOORE WILLIAM 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) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) EVP, COO
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2005	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	01/02/2005		F ⁽¹⁾		21,107 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$22.835	142,204 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00								972 ⁽³⁾	I	By 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)		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:

- 10,982 shares were forfeited for the payment of taxes upon the vesting and distribution of 34,375 restricted share units granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's Long Term Incentive and Share Award Plan. In addition, 10,125 shares were forfeited for the payment of taxes upon the distribution of previously vested and deferred restricted share units. The grant of the restricted share units was previously reported in a Form 4 filed by the Reporting Person.
- Includes 83,532 restricted share units which are subject to forfeiture, 1,236 shares acquired pursuant to an employee stock purchase plan and 844 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends in 2004.
- Includes 27 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends in 2004.
- Shares are held in a trust. The reporting person is a trustee of the trust.

Remarks:

Cynthia S. Couch by power of attorney 01/04/2005

** 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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