

WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
STERBENZ DOUGLAS R

(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]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/28/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, Generation & Marketing

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	08/28/2006		S		500	D	\$ 24.34
					85,729 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	08/28/2006		S		5,243	D	\$ 24.33
					80,486 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	08/28/2006		S		1,500	D	\$ 24.32
					78,986 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	

Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	08/28/2006	S	5,700	D	\$ 24.3	73,286 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	08/28/2006	S	5,100	D	\$ 24.29	68,186 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00	08/29/2006	S	1,749	D	\$ 24.49	66,437 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$5.00						9,631	I	Held in 401(k) Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
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						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)				

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other
STERBENZ DOUGLAS R 818 S. KANSAS AVE.	EVP, Generation & Marketing

TOPEKA, KS 66612

## Signatures

Cynthia S. Couch by power of  
attorney

08/30/2006

        \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

        Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) Includes 31,250 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture and 48 shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends.

(2) Includes 31,250 restricted share units that are subject to forfeiture.

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